

Dear TMR Planners,

Coolum Residents Association (CRA) is an incorporated association which has long pursued the interests of our Coolum community. A current focus of our Association is to promote active transport. We appreciate the opportunity to give feedback which will be considered and used to help develop a planning layout for the project.

CRA strongly supports the proposed duplication of the Sunshine Motorway between David Low Way and the Yandina-Coolum Road roundabout, the upgrading of the existing roundabouts, and improved access to and across the Motorway. We are very supportive of any commitment to improved active transport infrastructure. Coolum [especially central Coolum] needs better connections going west.

CRA requests that the following matters be fully investigated as part of the planning study:

- Planning for the upgraded Yandina-Coolum Road roundabout must be considered in conjunction improvements to traffic movements at the School Road roundabout. These two roundabouts and the road linking them operate as a single, integrated unit. Congestion or delays at either roundabout, particularly at school commencement and finishing times, impact on the other. It is essential that planning for this component of the project be undertaken in a holistic manner considering not just the two roundabouts but the provision of safe, separated active transport links across the motorway as outlined below.
- Safe, separated active transport links must be provided across the motorway as part of any upgrade works. These are essential to provide walking and cycling connections between the coastal communities of Coolum, Yaroomba, Mount Coolum and Marcoola on the east of the motorway and the growing range of activities to the west of the motorway including the Corbould Road and West Coolum industrial areas, Oz Ski Resort, Blast Aqua Park and the Coolum Christian College. Importantly these will also enable the provision of future links to the Sunshine Coast Blue Heart (a partnership between Sunshine Coast Regional Council, the Queensland Government's Department of Environment and Science and Unitywater to, amongst other things, provide community and recreation opportunities through regional parkland, open space and trails).
- The West Coolum Road crossing of the motorway should be upgraded to provide access to the motorway to relieve pressure on the Yandina-Coolum Road roundabout and improve accessibility for residents and visitors to Mount Coolum, Yaroomba and Marcoola. CRA considers that, at a minimum, this new interchange should provide north-bound off, south-bound on access ramps, and include safe, separated active transport link across the motorway.

- In relation to the detailed planning at the northern end of the study area, CRA believes there are two specific matters that warrant specific investigation:
 - Provision of a direct north-bound access to the Sunshine Motorway from Yandina-Coolum Road immediately to the east of the Corbould Road industrial estate. This would relieve pressure on the roundabout, allow the existing two lanes approaching the roundabout from the west to be devoted solely to east-bound and south-bound traffic and remove an unnecessary duplication of movement for all north bound traffic approaching the roundabout.
 - There are 2 possible options for getting across the motorway
 - Constructing an active transport bridge over the motorway that reconnects Coolum-Yandina Rd [west] with Barnes Lane which was formerly the Coolum-Yandina Rd. This would be a more direct connection from the current paths near the school to Quanda Road Industrial Park and the expanding range of activities west of the motorway as outlined previously in this submission.
 - Use of the existing tunnel under the motorway [300m south of the Coolum roundabout] which was formerly used by sugar cane trains, as part of an active transport link across the motorway in this location. Combined with links on either side of the motorway between the existing tunnel and the existing roundabout, this could provide safe active transport access between the existing pedestrian/cycle path next to Woolworths on South Coolum Road and the expanding range of activities west.

Other Transport Link Opportunities

- Unity Water pipeline corridor, 1 km west and parallel to the motorway could potentially connect all three bicycle motorway crossings; West Coolum Rd, Havana Rd East and a new connection option as outlined above.
- Connecting Peregrin Springs to Quanda Rd Industrial Estate with an active transport link to provide a short cut, this link could include the National park track and the Unity Water pipeline corridor.
- A bus park and ride station adjacent to the Coolum roundabout for a new 'super express' bus service from Noosaville to Maroochydore using the motorway, with safe and clearly defined links connecting Coolum and Quanda Industrial estate to the proposed bus park and ride.

TMR may be aware of these opportunities though some are outside the Dept.'s remit. CRA would like to offer support to expedite any and all chances to improve Coolum.

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