



Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 3342-20 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Ms Fiona Simpson MP, Member for Maroochydore on 16 June 2020 about the preferred option for Stage 6 of the Mooloolaba to Maroochydore (M2M) cycleway project.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and Sunshine Coast Council are taking community and stakeholder feedback onboard to shape the design of the six-kilometre long and three-metre wide M2M cycleway.

The first phase of community consultation for the M2M cycleway concept was held in September and October 2019. More than 320 stakeholders and community members attended information sessions.

The feedback received during the first phase of community consultation has informed the planning and development of a preferred option for the delivery of Stage 6, the 1.2-kilometre section from Mary Street at Alexandra Headland to Sixth Avenue at Maroochydore. The Stage 6 preferred option is currently out for community consultation. Providing a concept layout for comment enables community members and stakeholders to provide useful feedback on specific project elements.

With the agreement of the Mayor of the Sunshine Coast Council, Councillor Mark Jamieson, the community consultation period has been extended until 31 July 2020 to enable all stakeholders and interested community members additional time to provide detailed feedback on the project. Feedback received during the community consultation phase will be considered by TMR and used to further develop the project design for Stage 6.

A significant amount of feedback has already been received in response to extensive engagement methods for the Stage 6 consultation period, which included distribution of over 12,000 newsletters containing the concept layout, social media posts and advertising in local media. Stakeholders are providing feedback via TMR's interactive online mapping tool, feedback forms, online and in face-to-face meetings, as well as through emails and phone calls to the dedicated 1800 324 927 project number.

The M2M cycleway Community Reference Group (CRG) was also established by TMR in late 2019 to help shape the planning design for Stage 6 of the project. This group comprises 11 members who represent various local cycling, pedestrian and surfing viewpoints.

In addition to the CRG, TMR's project team is actively engaging directly with a range of key stakeholder and community groups who represent different community interests to further inform the design for Stage 6. These include Alexandra Headland Surf Lifesaving Club, North Shore Boardriders Club, Alexandra Headland Community Association, Buderim Rotary Club, Project Urban Sunshine Coast Environment Council, Sunshine Coast Access Advisory Network and Beach Matters.

TMR will continue to ensure CRG members, other stakeholders and key interest groups are regularly engaged and consulted during this phase of the project.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bailey', with a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards and to the right.

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads