

Transport and parking

As we grow, it is important to be able to move around the Sunshine Coast easily and conveniently to maintain our way of life and promote a sustainable future.

Currently, private vehicle travel is the dominant travel mode share on the Sunshine Coast at 85%. To ensure the long-term sustainability of our region, a shift in travel behaviour is needed. It is also important that transport options are accessible, to easily connect people to their home, work, and places of enjoyment.



What is Council doing to address community concerns about traffic and parking as we grow?

Council acknowledges community concerns around increased traffic congestion and negative impacts of on-street car parking in some areas. The proposed planning scheme includes a range

of initiatives to ensure new development supports easy ways to move around and minimise impacts on on-street parking.

Active transport

To encourage the development of walkable neighbourhoods and to help reduce vehicles on roads, the proposed planning scheme supports new housing to be located close to centres of employment, services, and recreation.

The proposed planning scheme also includes improved road cross sections that prioritise comfortable shared walking and riding paths, and revised mapping that outline paths and routes for active transport. Council's capital works program also helps support the delivery of walking and riding paths.

Public Transport

The State Government is responsible for the delivery of public transport and is planning several major public transport network upgrades across the region.

The proposed planning scheme seeks to support and encourage the use of public transport by



accommodating future growth around existing and proposed high frequency transport hubs, and by supporting the provision of active transport links to public transport routes.

Roads

Traffic on the Sunshine Coast is increasing.

Council's road network planning focuses on the long-term needs of the region's road network.

Council's Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP) identifies Council's plans for the trunk infrastructure (including roads) necessary to service urban development. The LGIP allows Council to levy infrastructure charges for new development to help fund roads and other trunk infrastructure. For more information on the LGIP refer to the [Local Government Infrastructure Plan \(LGIP\) information sheet](#).

The proposed Transport and Parking Code and Reconfiguring a Lot Code contain provisions to support the development of local roads in new subdivisions. This includes provisions to ensure streets are designed to be wide enough to accommodate emergency and other service vehicles, and allow for on-street parking.

Parking

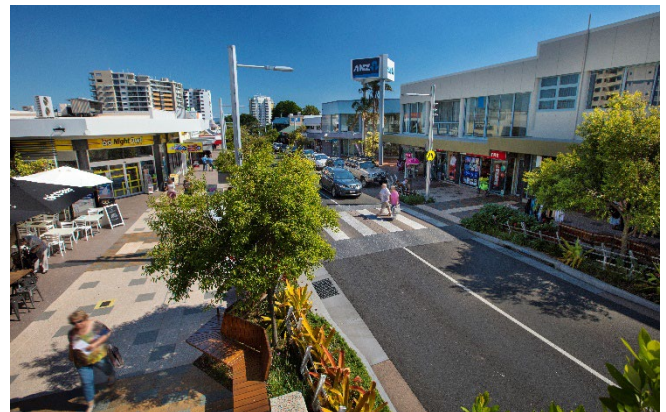
Well-managed and planned car parking provides a necessary service and function for the community, businesses and visitors. Car parking areas can have a big impact on the design and financial viability of development, so it is important to get the balance right when setting parking rates for new development.

When preparing the proposed planning scheme, a review of on-site parking requirements was undertaken to ensure they are up to-date to

appropriately reflect the different needs of development in different locations.

The proposed planning scheme retains demand-based on-site parking rates for residential uses, in line with a recent amendment to the current planning scheme. For example, there are no changes proposed to the general on-site car parking rates for unit developments or duplexes. Over time, as public transport infrastructure improves, parking rates in some areas may be reduced, however this is considered premature and not proposed at this time.

The proposed planning scheme also maintains minimum garage/carport setback requirements for dwelling houses, to allow for additional parking in driveways and minimise overflow on-street parking.



The proposed Transport and Parking Code and Multi-unit Residential Uses Code provisions have been enhanced to support the intended direction for transport and parking across the region and to address community concerns around parking, especially for higher density residential developments.

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Proposed changes include:

- New provisions to provide storage space in unit developments, leaving garages free for vehicle parking.
- On-site service vehicle parking for smaller unit developments to allow for improved design landscaping outcomes.
- New electric vehicle (EV) charging bays and infrastructure
- New provisions for certain types of development for short stay vehicle parking spaces, such as delivery and ride share vehicles.

How can I find out more?

Visit: [Sunshine Coast Council Integrated Transport Strategy](https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/council/strategy), or If you have a question, contact Council's planning scheme team:

- Email: newplanningscheme@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au
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