

Active Street Project - Peregian Beach

About this Project News

This project update outlines:

- The **current design status** of the Lorikeet Drive Active Street (south of Jabiru Street).
- Shows how **community feedback** has informed and refined the developed design.
- **Invites residents and stakeholder to participate in information sessions** including on-site pop ups, and a 'walkshop' to experience current conditions and explore proposed improvements.



IMAGE: One of the PRG workshops

Background

In 2020, Noosa Council completed the Coastal Pathway Corridor Study to plan safer, more connected walking and cycling routes between Peregian Beach and Tewantin, including a link to the Sunshine Coast Coastal Pathway. The study reviewed existing paths, identified safety gaps, and assessed possible routes.

To ensure strong community input, Council formed a Project Reference Group (PRG) with community members, local associations, and walking and cycling groups. For Peregian Beach South, four route options—including David Low Way—were assessed for safety, connectivity and feasibility. Route B (Lorikeet Drive) ranked highest and was selected as the preferred corridor. Several design treatments were also explored, with the Active Street concept—supported by TMR—performing best for safety, clarity and adaptability.

An Active Street prioritises people walking and riding through safer pathways, riding-priority zones, reduced speeds and traffic-calming features. This approach is well established across Australia and has demonstrated strong safety and community benefits. To learn more, watch this short WA-produced overview:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=09aYNp-u4YE

This direction also reflects community feedback from the 2020 Noosa Cycling and Walking Strategy and the 2022 Noosa Liveability Study, where residents called for safer routes, better transport options and improved connectivity. The project also aligns with Queensland's broader commitment to expanding active transport links across the state.

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IMAGES: Australian Active Streets in action!

Revitalising Lorikeet Drive

South Peregian residents have long raised concerns about speeding, pedestrian safety and difficult driveway and waste service access. This significant investment directly addresses those issues through a dedicated pedestrian pathway, improved kerb and channelling for better stormwater management, reduced-speed signage, formalised parking, landscaping and road resurfacing. Together, these upgrades will deliver a safer, greener and more attractive Coastal Pathway entry into the Shire and a quieter, cleaner street for residents.



IMAGES: Current condition of Lorikeet Dr. south of Jabiru St.

Project Timeline

Project Initiation (Late 2024)

- State and Federal grant funding secured to fully support the Active Street project.

Concept Design (Jan–Apr 2025)

- Consulting Engineers commence design work.
- Concept design completed and reviewed by Councillors and Project Working Group.

Consultation – Stage 1 (Apr–Jun 2025)

- Local notifications issued, followed by pop-up sessions, workshops, online engagement and direct discussions with residents.
- A Fast Facts document released to address key community questions.

Developed Design (Jul–Aug 2025)

- Developed design completed incorporating community input, where possible.

Consultation – Stage 2 (Sept–Oct 2025)

- Developed design completed and shared with the Peregian Beach South community.
- Councillor briefing, stakeholder meetings and one-on-one discussions held.

Detailed Design (Oct–Dec 2025)

- Detailed design completed incorporating community input, where possible.
- Design reviewed by Councillors and Project Working Group.

Consultation – Stage 3 (Dec–Feb 2026)

- Design shared with the local community, followed by pop-up information sessions, a stakeholder and community 'walkshop', and direct engagement with residents.










Proposed Construction (Apr '26–Jun '27)

- Construction proposed to start after 2026 Easter school holidays.
- Project completion scheduled before June 2027 to meet grant requirements.

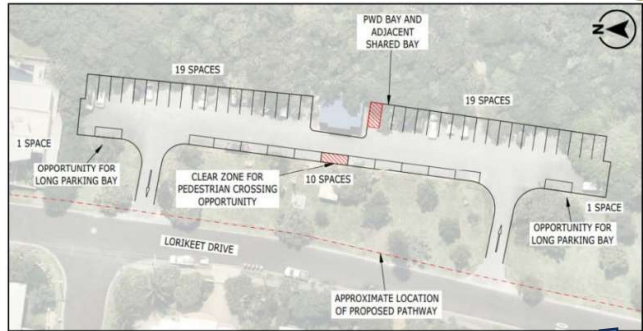
Community Feedback in Action

Council has heard a wide range of views on the Active Street proposal, from residents raising concerns to stakeholders supporting safer, more connected streets. Every piece of feedback has been considered in shaping the design. Below outlines some of the key themes and how they are being addressed by Council.

We remain committed to creating streets that are welcoming, safe, accessible, and connected — while reflecting the character of our community. Your input is helping us strike the right balance between safety, accessibility, and local character for the benefit of everyone.

| Community Feedback | How Council Has Addressed It |
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|  Environmental impacts from extra parking at Victory Park | The carpark will stay within its current footprint, servicing 50 parking spots. Plans to expand it further have been removed at this stage. |
|  Concerns about tree removal | The design keeps as many existing trees as possible, with footpaths realigned to protect them. |
|  Preference to keep the timber bridge in Lorikeet Park | The bridge will remain timber, reverting from a previously planned concrete design. |
|  Traffic impacts on nearby streets | Local traffic management measures are being explored, and traffic impacts will be monitored. |
|  Safety concerns for e-bikes | Council will work closely with relevant agencies to provide both support and enforcement during the transition period. This will include clear signage and community education on appropriate use. Please note that neighbouring schools have already introduced e-bike bans, so student use of e-bikes along this route is expected to decline. |
|  Lack of a masterplan affecting connectivity | Planning for Stage 2 is currently underway. Route options and feasibility have been evaluated through the 2020 Coastal Pathway Corridor Study, and community consultation will commence once funding is confirmed. |
|  Loss of parking | To improve street safety and deliver the benefits of an Active Street, some on-street parking will be reconfigured. Recent traffic surveys show that even with formalised parking, peak-time parking demand can continue to be met. Importantly, the Active Street design provides a more considered and attractive approach to managing parking, compared with standard safety treatments such as yellow line markings that would otherwise be required. |
|  Preference for a recreational bicycle route along David Low Way | This route was reviewed in the 2020 Coastal Pathway Corridor Study but ranked low. David Low Way is a busy arterial road with high speeds, heavy vehicles, and complex intersections. An active transport route along this corridor would expose pedestrians and bike-riders to significantly higher risk, require major civil works and land acquisition, and be unsuitable for children, seniors, and less-confident riders. |
|  Perception of limited community consultation | Significant engagement has already taken place (see Project Timeline). Future communications are planned to keep the community informed. |
|  Surf school parking concerns (trailers) | A couple of long-vehicle parking bays will be included in the Victory Park carpark. |

Active Street Detailed Design



Formalised parking at Victory Park, supporting 50 parking bays.



Visit Council's website at www.noosa.qld.gov.au (Cycling and Walking Projects) to use the design zoom feature.

Typical Treatments

The Lorikeet Drive Active Street will introduce a range of traffic-calming and safety improvements, beginning with raised crossing intersections at Jabiru Street and Pitta Street to clearly signal that drivers are entering a slower traffic zone.



IMAGE: An Active Street gateway treatment example

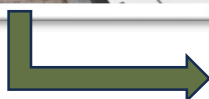
A new pedestrian pathway along the verge will improve safety for walkers. Upgraded kerbs, traffic-calming measures, and landscaped shrubs will help keep vehicle speeds low, with raised road humps further slowing traffic for everyone's safety.

At Lorikeet Park, a new timber boardwalk — acknowledging the community's efforts in planting and maintenance — will create a welcoming entry to Noosa Shire and provide a seamless link to the Sunshine Coast Coastal Pathway.

The wider Active Street design also includes formalised parking, greening and beautification, plus coloured asphalt and textured overrun zones (subtle low-noise rumble strips), all in line with Noosa's design principles. Together, these features create a safer, more attractive and intuitive street environment.



IMAGE: Proposed textured overrun colour treatment



Pop-Up Sessions: Learn, Ask, Connect

Join Council's project team at one of two upcoming pop-up sessions. See the detailed design, ask questions, and share your feedback. We're here to listen and explain the next steps.

Come and join us for a chat at:

Victory Park (off Lorikeet Drive)

1. **Wednesday, 21 January at 4:00pm**
2. **Thursday, 29 January at 10:00am**

Can't make it to the pop-ups? No worries!

In February, Council will host a community "walkshop" — an on-site walkthrough of the proposed Active Street along Lorikeet Drive, from Lorikeet Park Bridge north to Jabiru Street (approximately 800m).

Join the project team to see the street's current condition and explore the exciting improvements planned for the area.

If you'd prefer a more detailed discussion, **one-on-one briefings** can also be arranged for residents.

To register for the "walkshop":

3. **Wednesday, 18 February at 9:00am**
(meeting point at Victory Park)

Or to request an individual meeting, please email isadmin@noosa.qld.gov.au.

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Funding

This project is jointly funded by the State and Federal Governments through the 2024–27 South East Queensland Liveability Fund and the Active Transport Fund.