

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Peregian Beach Active Street Project

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#### Summary

Noosa Council has received funding to design and deliver an 800-metre 'Active Street' along Lorikeet Drive, with plans to extend the project through to Jabiru Street.

The 'Active Street' concept prioritises bike riders and pedestrians, incorporating infrastructure such as pedestrian-friendly footpaths, and bike riding-priority zones. It will also feature traffic-calming measures, such as speed restrictions designated parking and chicanes, ensuring the area is safe and accessible for all users.

The Active Street concept—an initiative by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR)—will now be adopted by Noosa Council in response to community feedback gathered during the 2020 Noosa Cycling and Walking Strategy consultations and the 2022 Noosa Liveability Study. Residents expressed a strong desire for safer walking and bike riding paths, improved transport options, and enhanced connectivity. The project also supports Queensland's broader strategy to expand and improve active transport networks across the state.

#### What is an Active Street?

An Active Street is designed to make walking, bike riding, and moving around without a car safer and easier. It features an on-road bike riding street treatment, off-road footpath, shared pathway, and clear signage to help everyone get where they need to go. Active Streets promote healthy, active lifestyles and help create more connected, liveable neighbourhoods.

#### Why was Lorikeet Drive selected?

Lorikeet Drive was chosen as a key link between the Noosa Coastal Pathway and the Sunshine Coast Coastal Pathway. This location:

- Connects Peregian Beach to local parks, beaches, homes, and schools.
- Fills a missing gap in the Coastal Pathway, making it easier to walk and bike ride between Peregian Beach and Peregian Springs.
- Offers a quieter, safer route compared to busy roads like David Low Way.
- Encourages bike riders to pass through the village, creating a natural stop that supports local businesses.

#### Why not David Low Way?

David Low Way is a busy, high-traffic road, making it less safe for walking and cycling—especially for children and less experienced riders. Lorikeet Drive offers a quieter, safer alternative while still connecting key destinations.

#### Will an Active Street cause increased safety risks?

No – quite the opposite. The Active Street is designed to *improve* safety along Lorikeet Drive. Current conditions already present several risks, and this project directly addresses them by removing hazards, improving traffic flow, and encouraging slower, more controlled driving. Together, these changes create a safer environment for all road users.

#### Can I ride my bike on the pathway?

Active Streets are designed to encourage bike riders to use the road by reducing vehicle traffic speed and giving priority to bikes. We understand that not everyone is comfortable riding on the road and so a pathway will be provided which can be used by less confident

bike riders. In Queensland, all pathways are shared unless otherwise signed.

### **Will there be changes to landscaping?**

Although we aim to minimise this wherever possible, in some cases, trees or landscaping may need to be removed to make space for the pathway or to meet safety standards. Larger character trees will be prioritised for retention, and impacted properties will be contacted. Replacement planting and landscaping is proposed.

### **What about parking?**

We understand that parking is important to the community. As part of the project, 249 formal on-street parking spaces will be provided—well above the current demand identified in the recent peak traffic survey. Parking will be clearly marked to help manage traffic flow and ensure pathways remain safe and accessible for people walking and riding. This approach will keep the street organised, safe, and convenient for all users.

### **What will the on-road treatment look like?**

The bike riding lanes will be constructed using coloured asphalt with a textured, stamped surface to clearly define the bike riding area and include an overrun zone to enhance safety. Careful consideration will be given to selecting a colour that aligns with Noosa Shire's character and the Noosa Design Principles.

For more details, please refer to the animation and drawings available on the Council's website.

### **Will the beach accesses be affected?**

No – there will be no construction at beach access points. Access will remain unchanged, and clear markings will guide transitions onto

the Active Street to ensure safety and ease of use.

### **When will the construction work start and how long will it last?**

Design work is underway and is scheduled for completion by September 2025. Construction is expected to begin in early 2026. A detailed construction schedule will be provided once a contractor has been appointed. We'll continue to keep the community informed as the project progresses.

### **Will the footpath go through my driveway?**

The footpath is designed to match the existing driveway levels, ensuring access is maintained wherever possible. In some instances, adjustments are necessary not only for the pathway but also to address current risks associated with large rain events. Council will engage directly with affected property owners to discuss the details.

### **How will drivers and bike riders be educated on using the Active Street?**

Active Streets are designed to be intuitive for all users. On-site signage will provide clear guidance on how to navigate the corridor, supported by information and resources available on Council's website.

The distinct change in road surface and texture will naturally encourage users to slow down when entering the Active Street area.

To further support the rollout, an education campaign will be launched during the commissioning phase, using social media, variable message signage (VMS), and other communication channels to inform all road users of the changes.

## Will Council be providing speed limit stickers for the side of waste bins?

The existing speed limit stickers are not a Council initiative. 30km/hr speed limit signs will be installed as part of the project. E-Bikes are to abide by state law speed limits.

## Will my rates be used?

No – project specific funding is provided by South East Queensland Government (SEQ) and Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR).

## Are there any other anticipated benefits to the community other than an “Active Street”?

Yes – The project funding also enables the council to address some longstanding legacy infrastructural issues and community concerns:

- A safe pedestrian pathway
- Road surface upgrades on Lorikeet Drive
- Renewal of selected kerbing
- Better stormwater management and reduced driveway flooding
- “Greening” of parts of Lorikeet Drive
- Upgrades to the timber bridge in Lorikeet Park
- Formalised parking in Victory Park

## Will the timber bridge in Lorikeet Park be retained?

Yes – However, the current structure will be renewed to meet minimum technical requirements and be widened to accommodate people walking and bike riders.

## Will the trees planted in Lorikeet Park be removed?

The new pathway through Lorikeet Park has been designed to limit impact on trees and will not necessitate the removal of the existing Eucalyptus trees next to the exiting pathway.

## How do I stay informed about the project and its progress?

Updates will be provided through Council's website and social media platforms.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact us on **07 5329 6500** or via email at [mail@noosa.qld.gov.au](mailto:mail@noosa.qld.gov.au) (subject line: Peregrine Beach Active Street Project).

## Useful resources

### [Encroachments Policy](#)

*Provides guidelines for managing encroachments on Council-managed land.*

### [Tree Management](#)

*Helpful information on policies and guidelines for managing trees on public land.*

### [Management of Urban and Rural Residential Verges Factsheet](#)

*Detailed guidance on garden planting and other verge enhancements.*

### [E-Bike rules in Queensland | Transport and motoring | Queensland Government](#)

*E-bike and scooter speed regulation*