

David Low Way – Castaways Beach Proposed Road Safety & Pedestrian Improvements Frequently Asked Questions

1. How does this improve safety?

This location is a busy area with a large number of conflicting movements. Safety is improved by:

- Separating the north and south bound traffic with a 2.5m wide painted chevron median;
- Separating the south bound traffic from the beach car park with a concrete median. This will enforce a one-way traffic flow within the car park and provide additional room for manoeuvring;
- Relocating the existing bus stops from the car park conflict area;
- Providing two pedestrian crossing points across David Low Way with pedestrian refuges and associated street lighting;
- Providing 2m wide bicycle lanes in both directions, with green cycle awareness treatments; and
- Constructing new footpaths to connect with the new crossing points.

2. Why is there street lighting?

The introduction of the pedestrian refuge islands requires them to be adequately illuminated for visibility by road users.

Due to the proximity of the beach and potential turtle nesting habitat, the lighting will be directed away from the beach.

3. Why is there not a pedestrian crossing (zebra crossing)?

Pedestrian crossings have been provided in the localities of Noosa Junction and Peregrine Beach, where there are large numbers of pedestrians crossing the road. Traffic surveys were undertaken at this location, with a peak number of 160 pedestrians crossing the road in a 24-hour period.

The provision of pedestrian refuges is a balance between improving safety for all road users whilst maintaining traffic flows on David Low Way.

Community Feedback

Council is seeking community feedback on the proposed layout for the upgrading and road safety improvements of the Castaways Beach car parking area.

Feedback can be provided via the Your Say Noosa website or by letter to:

Noosa Council

PO Box 141, Tewantin Qld 4565

The feedback period will close on the 16th February 2018.

Further information

Please contact Council's staff Jaro Bauleka on (07) 5329 6297 or Sam Carr on (07) 5329 6429.