Tewantin Bypass, Beckmans Road, planning

Staged duplication recommended to improve travel time and safety.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has an obligation under the Noosa Demaining Agreement (2000) to design and deliver a Tewantin Bypass. Planning is underway for a long-term, staged solution to increase capacity, reduce congestion and improve traffic flow and safety between Cooroy-Noosa Road and Eumundi-Noosa Road.

Options assessed

Collaborative planning by TMR and Noosa Shire Council (NSC) investigated a new road between Cooroy-Noosa Road and Eumundi-Noosa Road (a bypass road parallel to the existing Beckmans Road, adjacent to Tewantin National Park), as well as duplication of the existing road. Staged duplication of Beckmans Road was recommended as the approach for the Tewantin Bypass. The upgraded road remains an NSC asset.

Corridor vision

Two new westbound lanes are planned on the southern side of Beckmans Road, with the existing Beckmans Road converted to two eastbound lanes. A landscaped centre median improves safety by separating opposing traffic flow. Intersection modifications suited to the new four-lane configuration are part of the planning investigations.

Duplication benefits

- Staged duplication will deliver faster travel between Cooroy-Noosa Road and Eumundi-Noosa Road as well as reducing congestion and improving safety for people using Beckmans Road to access homes, schools, and local businesses.
- Widening the existing road requires significantly less vegetation clearing within the road corridor and retains better separation from the adjacent Tewantin National Park.
- Assessments showed corridor duplication provides comparable average traffic speed and travel times to a bypass road.
- Duplication reduces the risk and severity of crashes for motorists, pedestrians and bike riders on Beckmans Road, which would not be addressed by a bypass road.
- Duplication provides opportunities for improved active transport connections, such as safer crossing points at key locations and paths for walkers and riders.
- The corridor upgrade can be delivered in stages, providing progressive traffic and safety improvements with immediate benefits expected at upgrade locations.
- Stage 1, completed in 2022, upgraded the Beckmans Road and Cooroy-Noosa Road intersection.
- Stage 2 will duplicate Beckmans Road from Swanbourne Way to an improved Eumundi-Noosa Road roundabout. The scope and sequence of future stages is being assessed.

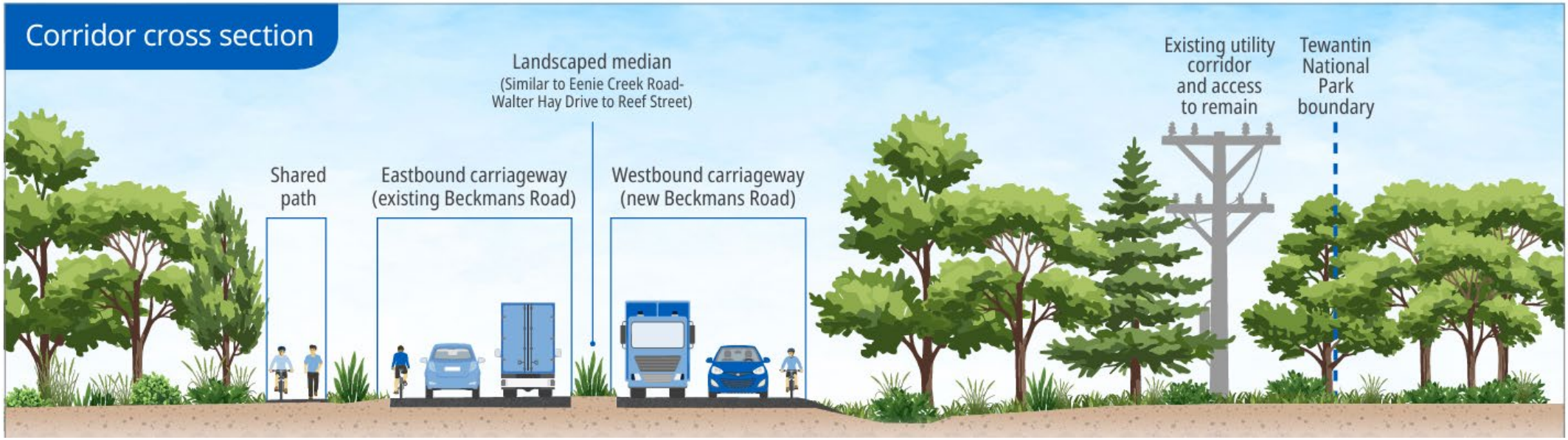


Image: Potential features of the future Beckmans Road corridor. Active transport provisions (walking and bike riding) will be confirmed as the project progresses.

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