

Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade Stage 1

Improving the reliability and
efficiency of the North Coast Line

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The Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade (B2N) project will provide additional track capacity and reliability, creating travel time savings and increased passenger and freight services to the growing Sunshine Coast region.



As part of the commitment to improving the safety, efficiency and reliability of the North Coast Line, the Australian and Queensland governments have committed \$550.8 million towards Stage 1 of the B2N project, with the Australian Government contributing \$390 million and the Queensland Government contributing \$160.8 million.



Insufficient capacity

Current and future freight and passenger services are constrained by single-track configuration, inadequate passing loops and single platforms at stations between Landsborough and Nambour.



Competition between freight and passenger services

This section of the North Coast Line is one of the few remaining sections of single track in Australia that carries commuter, long distance, and freight trains. This competition leads to disruptions, delays and service unreliability.



Ageing infrastructure and poor track geometry

The 39-kilometre single bi-directional rail line with passing loops at stations reduces train speeds, creates service delays and limits the length of freight trains.



Key features for Stage 1

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) will deliver the project in stages, allowing construction of Stage 1 to start to provide community benefits while investigating funding options for future stages.

Stage 1 will:

- Deliver three new bridges
- Address three level crossings
- Expand three park 'n' ride facilities
- Duplicate the section of rail track between Beerburrum and Beerwah
- Construct a new bus interchange on the eastern side of Landsborough Station.

Future stages of the B2N project will be confirmed as part of the \$6.25 million duplication study, with the Australian Government contributing \$5 million and the Queensland Government contributing \$1.25 million. This study will review the demand on the North Coast Line between Beerburrum and Nambour and refine the scope of Stage 2.



Current project status

Construction work on Stage 1 of the Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade started in March 2022.

- Work realigning a one-kilometre stretch of Steve Irwin Way, to allow track duplication, is underway and is expected to be completed by mid-2023.
- Work is underway on the eastern side of Landsborough station providing an additional 300 parking spaces that will reduce the need for people to drive across the level crossing to park. The new park 'n' ride facility is expected to open for public use by mid-2023.
- The new bus interchange at the Landsborough park 'n' ride is also expected to be completed by mid-2023 and will service new and existing routes to the coast.
- Work is underway for the expansion of the Nambour station park 'n' ride facility providing an additional 50 parking spaces and is expected to be completed by mid-2023.



Preconstruction and design

In March 2023, a Preconstruction and Design Agreement was awarded to John Holland Queensland and Seymour White Joint Venture with SMEC Australia and WSP Australia as Joint Venture designers. They will undertake enabling works and finalise the detailed design for the Stage 1 rail duplication and associated road works.

This work is expected to take up to 18 months, clearing the way for main works construction to start in 2024.

The timing for delivery and staging of construction works will be finalised following the completion of detailed design.

Construction is expected to be completed by 2027, weather and construction conditions permitting.

TMR will engage with the community as the detailed design work progresses.

The full scope of the B2N Stage 1 project will deliver the following benefits:



Increase freight and passenger rail capacity on this section of the North Coast Line



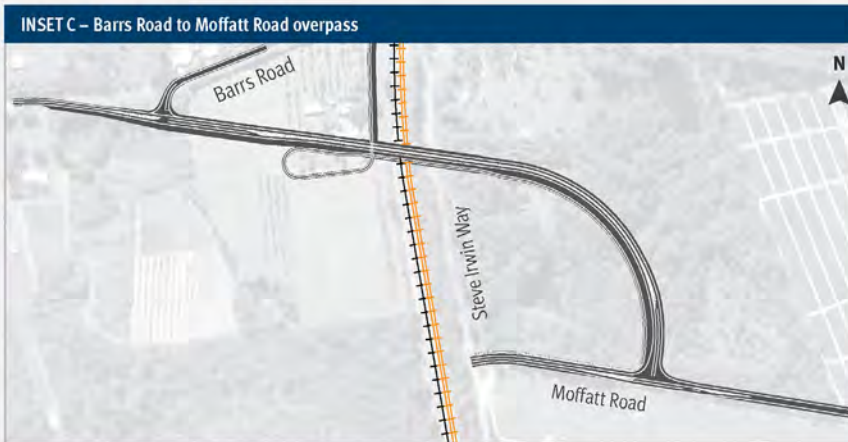
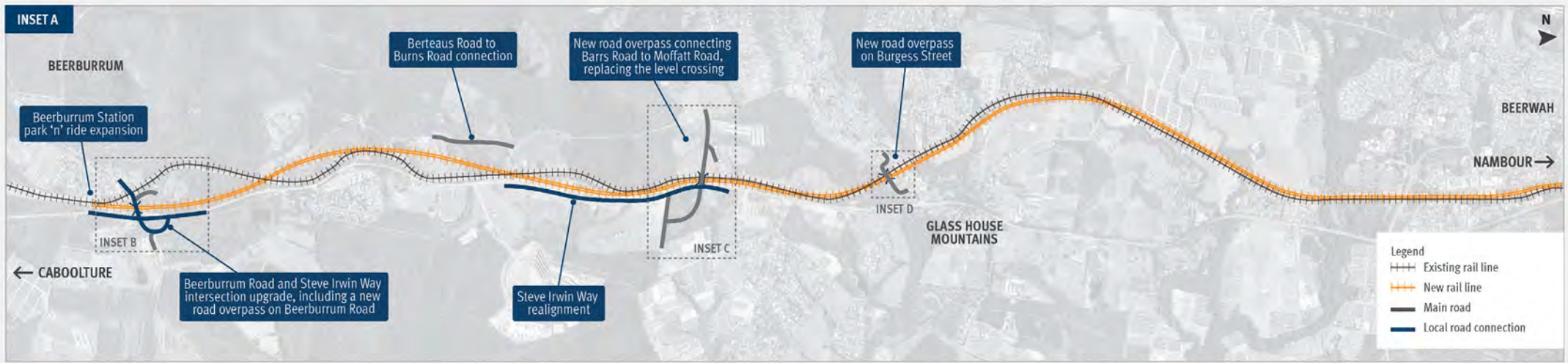
Reduce travel times for freight and passenger services on rail networks

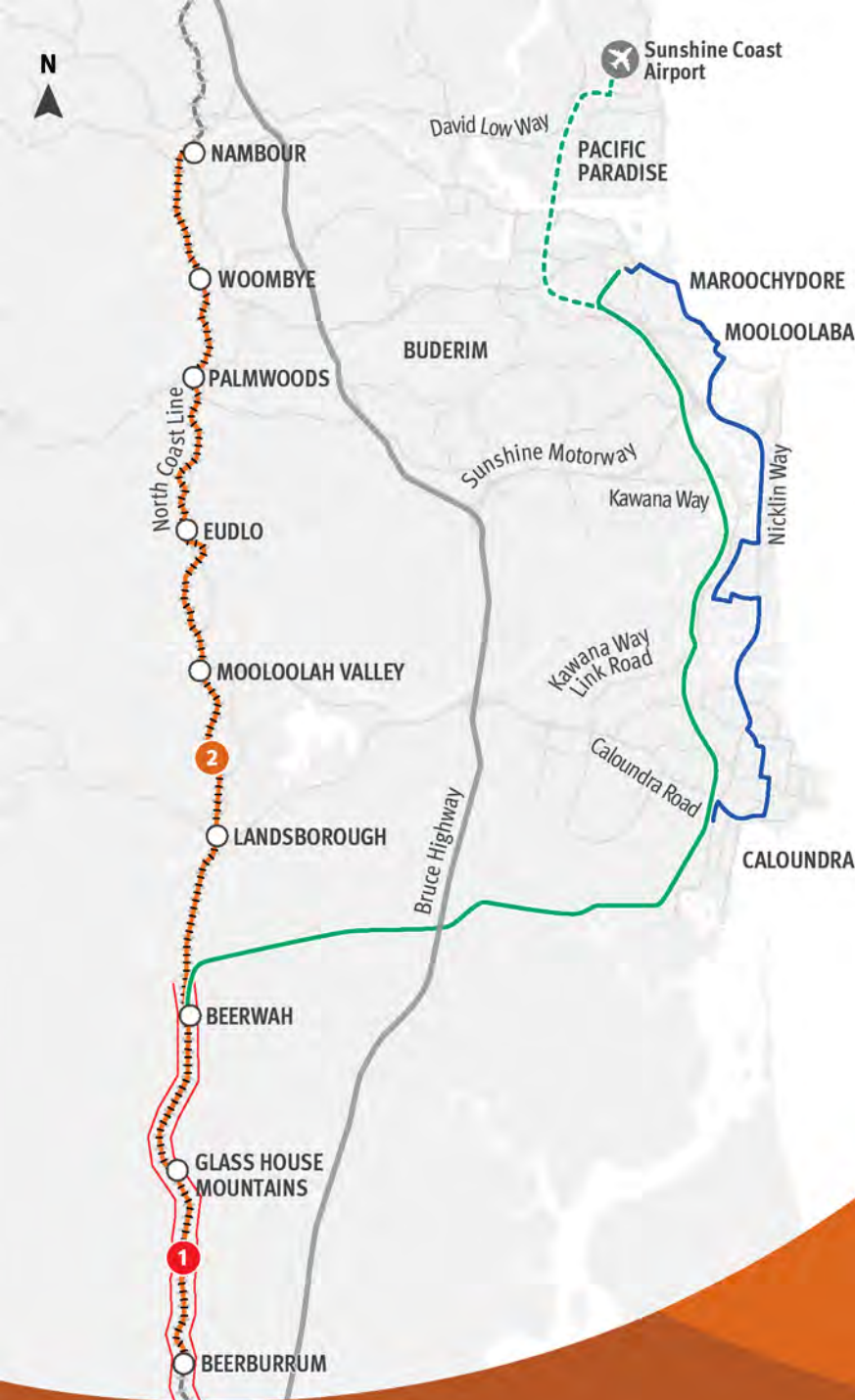


Help to divert traffic off the Bruce Highway



Provide a more integrated transport system with upgraded facilities





LEGEND

- Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade (Stage 1)
- Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade (Stage 2)
- Direct Sunshine Coast Rail Line
- Sunshine Coast Public Transport
- Protected future corridor

**Alignments are indicative only.*



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Environmental management

The B2N project area is surrounded by a unique landscape that has significant environmental, cultural and heritage attributes. TMR is committed to minimising and mitigating environmental and cultural heritage impacts.

The B2N project is a controlled action requiring assessment and approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

In February 2022, the project was approved with conditions, in accordance with Part 9 of the EPBC Act.