

Beerburrum to Nambour rail upgrade starting to move ahead

Tenders will be sought this month for the design and construction of stage one of the Beerburrum to Nambour rail upgrade on the Sunshine Coast.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Michael McCormack said the Beerburrum to Nambour project would deliver a vital boost to Queensland's major north-south rail corridor.

Queensland Minister for Transport and Main Roads Mark Bailey said the major rail upgrade was ready to move off the page and onto the ground in the coming months, creating 333 jobs in stage one of the project.

Proposed works for stage one currently include:

- Duplication of track north of Beerburrum
- Construction of road-over-rail bridges at Beerburrum Road, Barrs Road and Burgess Street



- Expansion of park 'n' ride at Beerburrum and Landsborough
- Bus interchange at Landsborough.

Early works to support the upgrade are expected to start early next year, with major construction to follow in 2022.

This work includes realigning a 1km section of Steve Irwin Way between Nursery Road and Moffatt Road.

The Australian Government has contributed \$390 million and the Queensland Government \$160.8 million to the Beerburrum to Nambour rail upgrade.

To see a fly-through of the proposal, check out this video <https://youtu.be/gHkFNb4PfoQ>.

For more information and a video description visit www.tmr.qld.gov.au/b2n.

Ongoing engagement critical

By Lea Parkes

The Landsborough Overpass Reference Committee (LORC) met last Thursday, July 30 for a detailed discussion of stage one of the Beerburrum to Nambour rail upgrade project.

The project includes the duplication of the rail line from Beerburrum to Beerwah, road overpasses of the rail line and Steve Irwin Way at Beerburrum and Barr's Road, a new overpass at Burgess Street in Glass House Mountains and the realignment of the rail line and Steve Irwin Way.

The project will also see new a car park and bus interchange on the eastern side of the Landsborough train station and increased parking at Beerburrum and Nambour stations.

The committee noted that there was no mention of a community reference group with the release of stage one.

While not all elements of the project form part of LORC's mission statement, as it will impact on the wider Glasshouse Country community, they believe that project information needs to

be widely circulated within and across the community.

LORC is also aware that a business case needs to be developed for stage two, which still requires the necessary funding to continue with the rail duplication and associated infrastructure from Beerwah to Nambour.

LORC resolved that ongoing engagement with the community was paramount but they cannot "do it alone".

As with all important community issues Glasshouse Country & Maleny News will continue to share, follow and report on the plans and actions undertaken by the Queensland Government in relation to the project.

To ensure residents can stay informed all information that relates to the project will be published on the LORC website at <http://landsoverpass.com.au/>.

LORC prides itself on being non-politically aligned while endeavouring to seek the best possible outcome for the whole community – businesses, residents and visitors.

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