



Study area for a future road in Caboolture West, looking towards the Glass House Mountains.

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# Bruce Highway Western Alternative Stage 1 (Caboolture West)

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is planning for a new transport corridor through Caboolture West in the Moreton Bay region.

The fast-growing region requires a proactive approach to ensure we are prepared for future transport needs. A new road will provide a 'backbone' for a transport network supporting future growth in the area.

Planning for the project will help to identify land that needs to be protected for the future road. The study will look at a section of a potential future corridor between Moorina and Moodlu, west of Caboolture.

The Bruce Highway Western Alternative Stage 1 (Caboolture West) will provide an alternative route to the Bruce Highway and help alleviate congestion and accommodate future growth in the area. Planning is a key initiative of the Australian and Queensland governments jointly-funded North Brisbane – Bruce Highway Western Alternative project.

Three options have been proposed for the corridor through Caboolture West, with planning to identify a preferred option, pending feedback from the community.

Take a look at the concept options in this newsletter and provide your feedback at TMR's website – scan the QR code or visit the project website.

## Share your feedback or find out more

View a map online and leave your comments to let us know what you think about the three concept options for the proposed new corridor.



Scan to find out more

Talk to the project team at an upcoming information session. Visit the project webpage on TMR's website for times and locations.

[www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects/Bruce-Highway-Western-Alternative-Stage-1-Caboolture-West](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects/Bruce-Highway-Western-Alternative-Stage-1-Caboolture-West)



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# Bruce Highway Western Alternative Stage 1

## Concept options



**Central option**

**Western option**

**Eastern option**

Options and alignment north and south of Caboolture West are subject to further investigation

**LEGEND**

- Western option
- Central option
- Eastern option
- Caboolture West
- State-controlled roads

# Project background

The Bruce Highway Western Alternative Stage 1 (Caboolture West) is an approximately 10-kilometre section of the North Brisbane – Bruce Highway Western Alternative. In total, the future Bruce Highway Western Alternative (BHWA) is a corridor spanning approximately 57 kilometres, from Stafford to Beerburrum.

This alternative connection will help to preserve the existing function and efficiency of the Bruce Highway as a key freight and commuter corridor and enhance network connectivity in the Moreton Bay region.

Planning is being progressed as a priority, given the urgent need to identify the land requirements and protect the land through Caboolture West due to the rapid pace of development emerging through the corridor.

This is the first stage of the BHWA to be progressed. Planning investigations will identify the preferred route option for the section through Caboolture West. It is critical that we establish the preferred route to enable development to progress and to support the expected population growth in the coming years. Planning appropriately will enable suitable community development and help alleviate congestion and accommodate future growth in the area.

Three potential concept options have been broadly identified, as detailed on the map opposite and information below.

Before a suitable corridor through Caboolture West can be identified and protected from future development, TMR is undertaking community consultation with key stakeholders and the community.

TMR is seeking feedback on the options to better understand future transport needs for the area including key constraints and community concerns.



## Key drivers and benefits

The purpose of establishing the corridor is to ensure there is a safe, efficient and effective transport network that meets current and future needs for the Moreton Bay and Sunshine Coast regions.

Benefits of the project include:

- › improves access for emerging communities within and around Caboolture West
- › improves safety
- › increases certainty on future development within Caboolture West
- › increases transport capacity
- › supports future economic development of the Moreton Bay region
- › preserves and supports the existing function and efficiency of the Bruce Highway
- › reduces travel time.

## Options

From a preliminary analysis, each concept option has a range of opportunities and constraints involving property impacts, road connections, environmental and amenity considerations and constructability.

### Eastern option (Option 1)

The Eastern option starts to the south-east of the Sheepstation Creek Conservation Park in Moorina and travels north towards the D'Aguilar Highway at Moodlu. The corridor avoids the Sheepstation Creek Reserve.

The Eastern option would have the most significant impact on existing dwellings. It also runs through a number of areas that are below the one-in-one-hundred-year flood level. However, it is mostly flat terrain, which would reduce the need for significant earthworks during construction.

### Central option (Option 2)

The Central option starts in Moorina, south of Caboolture River Road, and travels north towards the D'Aguilar Highway, staying close to the powerline easement. It ends about halfway between Moodlu and Wamuran on the D'Aguilar Highway, avoiding high-value koala habitat areas.

The Central option provides significant benefits in the connections it would enable through the area. There are a few existing dwellings in the proposed area.

### Western option (Option 3)

The Western option starts at the same location as the Central option and then turns west towards Old North Road, following the existing road where possible. It will provide limited connections for the area.

Difficult terrain in this area will make construction complex and expensive, with very significant works needed to establish a road. It is also longer than the other two options.



Reduce congestion



Enable appropriate growth in the region



Support public transport



Support active transport



Support the movement of freight



Create a connected transport network for residents and road users

## Timeline



June 2021 to July 2021

Phase 1 community consultation



October 2021 to November 2021

Phase 2 community consultation



2022

Protection and gazettal of the corridor

The scope, costing and timeline for construction is yet to be determined.



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## Next steps

We are inviting feedback from the community until 30 July 2021. All feedback received will be considered and will help inform the planning as more detailed investigations are undertaken.

TMR will update the community on the outcomes of the investigations later in 2021. Updates will also be provided on the project as planning for the project progresses.