

West Lakes Boulevard

Road Management Plan - what we heard

Project overview

As part of the State Government's election commitments, we are developing a Road Management Plan (RMP) for the full length of West Lakes Boulevard. The West Lakes Boulevard RMP will identify opportunities in the short and medium term to improve the operations and safety of the road corridor for all users. The RMP will be developed in consultation with key stakeholders and the community.

There is currently no funding committed beyond the development of the West Lakes Boulevard RMP. This planning work will help inform future funding considerations.

Community engagement

Seeking feedback from the community and stakeholders is a key part of building a comprehensive picture of how our road networks are operating. This feedback is important to help us understand community viewpoints and experiences that might not be captured by a technical analysis.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the consultation activities and provided feedback during the five-week consultation period in October 2023.

How we engaged

Along with meetings with key stakeholders, members of the community were encouraged to complete an online survey and digitally 'pin' comments on the project map and categorise their feedback according to the nature of their comment. Members of the community were also invited to attend one of two community information sessions to speak to a project team member to provide feedback.

Engagement snapshot



8,416

Call to action postcards

delivered to adjacent households and businesses to encourage participation in the survey and/or get in contact with the team



189 Comments
received via
Social Pinpoint



451 Survey
responses
received via the website



Key stakeholder discussions, phone calls and meetings

with RAA, emergency services,
key government departments and local schools



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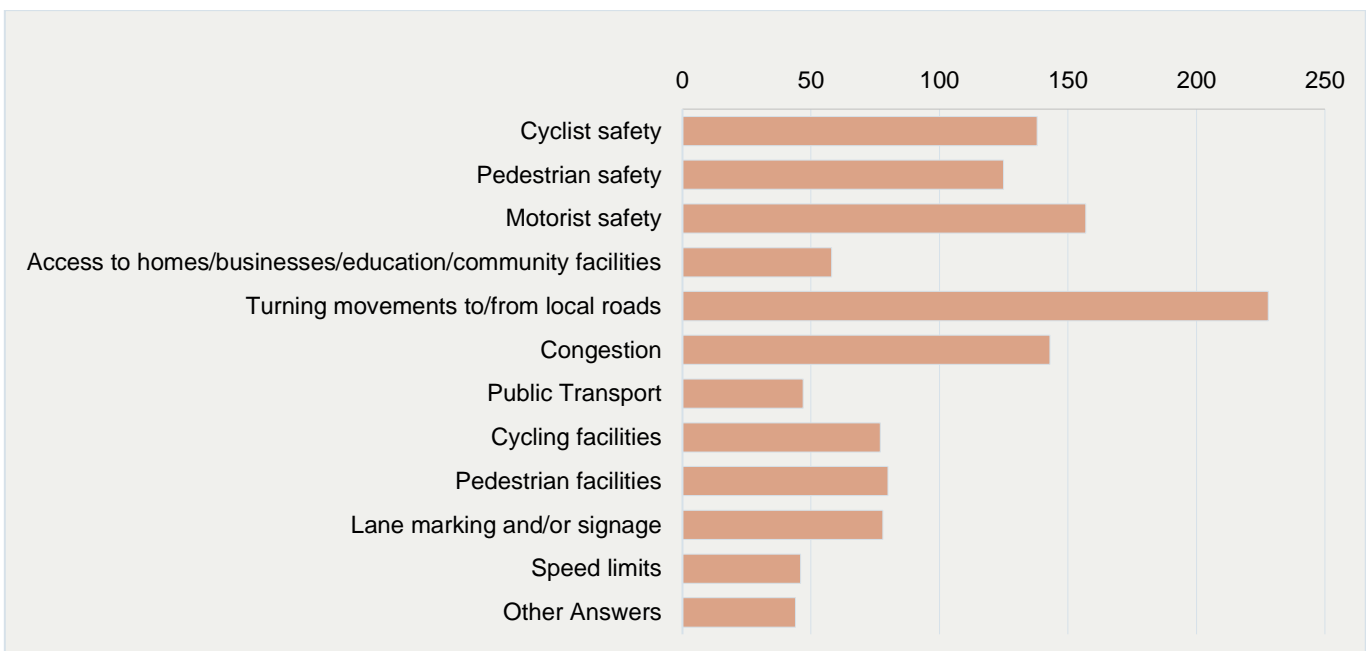
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What you told us

From the 451 survey responses, respondents identified their relationship to the area as 61% local resident, 17% property owner, 11% attend local business, education or community facilities, 7% work locally, 2% local community group and 2% other. Of the respondents 97% travelled along West Lakes Boulevard at least once a week. The main mode of transport for respondents was 59% motor vehicle, 21% walking, 12% cycling, 7% public transport, and 1% mobility aid.

Local insights outlined there is interest from the community to improve:

- turning movements;
- user safety (motorist, pedestrian and cyclist); and
- congestion.



Responses to the question “Please select from the below list what you think is most important to improve.”

Turning movements

Feedback related to the turning movements at a number of locations along the Boulevard, predominantly conducting right turns in and out of side roads to West Lakes Boulevard. The main locations identified as opportunities for improvement included Corcoran Drive, Island Drive, Martin Court, Brebner Drive, The Pinery, Bartley Terrace and Glyde Street /Murray Street. It was suggested by respondents that some of these intersections could be improved with the installation of traffic signals or roundabouts.

User safety (motorists, pedestrian and cyclist)

The extension of the bike lanes throughout the entirety of West Lakes Boulevard (from Port Road to Military Road) was identified as an opportunity for improvement as the bike lane is currently inconsistent.

Respondents also identified the upgrade of footpaths on both sides of the Boulevard and footpath lighting as opportunities for improvement. It was also suggested the Boulevard would benefit from more pedestrian crossings.

Increased maintenance of vegetation was also suggested to improve line of sight for motorists and appearance of the area. Potential locations for additional trees were also suggested.

Speeding was raised as an opportunity for improvement, particularly at night and in the vicinity of intersections. Changes to speed limits (including increasing or decreasing the speed limit in sections) was also raised. It was also suggested that the old bus lanes installed for Football Park should now be removed.

Congestion

Congestion was raised as an issue along the entirety of the Boulevard, particularly at intersections. Concerns were raised about future congestion due to new housing developments in West Lakes. It was suggested that a change in traffic light sequencing was an opportunity to improve traffic flow.

It was also suggested that the continuation of dual lanes from Port Road onto West Lakes Boulevard to Clark Terrace was a further opportunity for improvement to address congestion.

What's next?

We are analysing the feedback from the community and stakeholders along with technical data to identify potential opportunities in the short and medium term to improve the operations and safety of the road corridor for all users.

The draft RMP will be released for community feedback by mid-2024.

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More information

To find out more about these projects or to speak to a member of the project team please:

- visit the project webpage: <https://dit.sa.gov.au/west-lakes-rmp>
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