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## **Minimal Glenthorne impact in fresh design for Majors Road Interchange**

New on and off ramps that minimise impacts on the local environment have been proposed to improve access to the Southern Expressway at Majors Road, in a new concept design being released today for community feedback.

The Australian and South Australian governments have committed \$120 million on a 50:50 basis to deliver the Southern Expressway and Majors Road Interchange project, which will provide commuters in the southern suburbs better access to the Southern Expressway and deliver on an Australian and State Government election commitment.

The proposed concept design, which includes a new interchange with on and off ramps for both directions of travel, has been released today, and the community is encouraged to provide feedback.

Key factors influencing the design included minimising impacts to Glenthorne National Park – Ityamaitpinna Yarta, including O'Halloran Hill Recreation Park and associated Mountain Bike Trails, and enabling construction to be confined almost entirely within the existing Southern Expressway road corridor. The project will have no impact on significant vegetation, no impact to Glenthorne Farm and only requires a small parcel of land adjacent the existing road corridor.

A Registration of Interest process for the design and construction of the interchange will also be opened to the market tomorrow, marking the first stage of procurement for the project.

The concept design will play an important role in guiding this procurement.

The design was informed by the first round of community consultation on the project, held in August and early September, which resulted in 745 responses from the community.

Features of the concept design include:

- New on and off ramps to the Southern Expressway, confined almost entirely to the existing road corridor.
- Widening of the Majors Road bridge to accommodate six lanes, including two through-lanes and a dedicated right turn lane onto the Southern Expressway, in each direction.

- Installation of traffic signals at the junction of Majors Road and Adams Road, which will incorporate an access to Sam Willoughby International BMX Facility and O'Halloran Hill Recreation Park.
- New dedicated bike lanes in each direction on Majors Road through the interchange.
- Installation of a new underpass, ensuring continued access and use of the Patrick Jonker Veloway.
- New and upgraded traffic signals, road lighting and drainage.

Feedback on the concept design will be open until Friday, 2 December 2022. To view the design and provide feedback, please visit the project website at [www.dit.sa.gov.au/majorsinterchange](http://www.dit.sa.gov.au/majorsinterchange) and fill out the short survey.

Early works on the construction of the interchange are scheduled to commence later this year, with completion expected by the end of 2025.

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Tom Koutsantonis**

*The South Australian Government is getting on with delivering its election commitment to construct a new Majors Road Interchange on the Southern Expressway.*

*I'd like to thank everyone who participated in the first round of community engagement for this project, as they have helped to inform the concept design that's being released today.*

*During this first round of consultation, around 65 per cent of respondents said they felt positive about the project, demonstrating strong community support for the new interchange.*

*The Department also received significant feedback about minimising impacts to Glenthorne National Park – Ityamaitpinna Yarta and the existing Mountain Bike Trails in the area. This was a key consideration in the development of the concept design, and will remain a priority as the project moves forward.*

*I encourage everyone to provide their feedback on this new concept design, as your feedback will help to shape the final project design.*