

Onkaparinga Valley Road, Nairne Road and Junction Road Intersection Upgrade

Consultation summary

We're delivering productivity and safety upgrades in Balhannah.

The upgrade is funded under the \$150 million Adelaide Hills Productivity and Road Safety Package, which is jointly funded by the Australian (80%) and South Australian governments (20%) over five years.

What's happened

In June 2024, we shared a project update with you which included the proposed concept design for the intersection upgrade and sought your insights and feedback to help inform the detailed design.

Approximately 60 people joined our project team at two information sessions in Balhannah, to share further insights and provide feedback on the proposed design. We also received 56 online survey responses during consultation.



We're enhancing safety and access at this critical junction in Balhannah



We are delivering greater pedestrian connectivity at the junction



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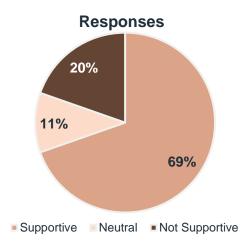






What we heard

Almost 70% of survey respondents expressed support for the proposed design, believing it would enhance safety for all users.



A number of key themes were identified in the feedback, including:

Heavy Vehicle Navigation – You told us that you felt large trucks, including logging trucks, tandem trucks, and trailers, might struggle to navigate the proposed roundabout.

The design will feature rollover kerbing on the roundabout median island (annulus) to allow heavy vehicles to manoeuvre more efficiently.

On-Street Parking – Feedback was mixed regarding the retention of on-street parking near the Balhannah Hotel. Some emphasised its importance to be maintained, while others highlighted that it obstructs visibility for vehicles particularly when turning right onto Onkaparinga Valley Road.

The current design will retain on-street parking, and the roundabout position will improve visibility for turning vehicles, while enhancing safety.

Nairne Road – Some responses suggested closing off Nairne Road, converting the intersection into a T-junction accessible only to local residents.

As part of the project, Nairne Road will not be closed, but we will monitor the area post-completion to assess traffic flow and safety.

Traffic Signals vs. Roundabout – We heard that a small number of people would prefer traffic signals be installed instead of a roundabout at the intersection.

Our traffic modelling during the initial design phase indicated that traffic lights would cause more delays than a roundabout, especially when traffic volumes are low, such as at night.

Construction staging

We heard regularly that people were concerned that works on the bridge over Junction Creek and the intersection works may overlap.

We can advise that the bridge works are **expected to be completed in September 2024**, while the intersection upgrade will not commence until mid-2025.

We understand that infrastructure works can be impactful, and we appreciate your patience and understanding as these projects are completed.

Next steps

Feedback received during consultation will now be used to help inform the final design. We look forward to sharing this with you in the coming months.

Further information

For more information, or to receive ongoing updates, please call us on 1300 794 880, email us at DIT.Engagement@sa.gov.au or visit the project website at www.dit.sa.gov.au/BalhannahPRS