# **Majors Road Interchange**

## What we heard summary

The Australian and South Australian governments are jointly funding (50:50) the \$120 million construction of new on/off ramps for the Southern Expressway at Majors Road.

The Majors Road Interchange Project will provide commuters in the southern suburbs further access to the Southern Expressway, whilst also providing improved access to Glenthorne National Park - Ityamaiitpinna Yarta, Sam Willoughby International BMX Facility and Southern Soccer Facility from the Southern Expressway.

Community engagement is an important part of the planning, design and delivery stages of the project. The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) recently sought input from the community to help inform the design of the new Majors Road Interchange.

#### What we heard during the recent consultation period

Consultation on the proposed design commenced on Sunday, 30 October 2022 and closed on Friday, 9 December 2022. Thank you to all members of the community who took the time to provide feedback.

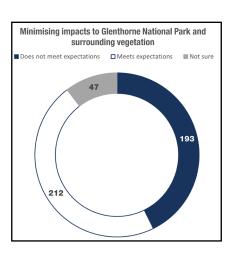
During this period, information about the proposed design and opportunity to provide feedback was shared with more than 7,000 individuals via email and post. The Department met with key stakeholders along Majors Road and surrounds, held four community pop-up sessions and received around 400 online survey responses.

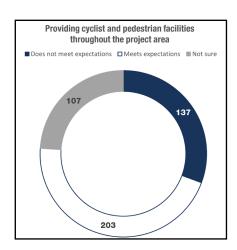
During the face-to-face engagement with over 400 people who attended the pop-up sessions and meetings with key local stakeholders, sentiment towards the design was largely positive. Key matters of importance raised included minimising construction impacts and maintaining access during the works.

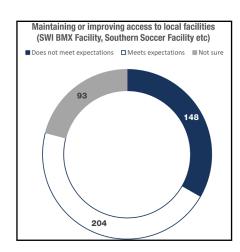
Of those who completed the online survey, more than half said they were comfortable with the proposed design. The concerns raised by the remaining respondents predominantly centred around potential impacts to Glenthorne National Park and surrounding vegetation.

Pleasingly, the proposed concept design has no impact to Glenthorne Farm or O'Halloran Hill Recreational Park. There is only a small section of Glenthorne National Park, directly adjacent to the road corridor, that is impacted by this project. This land was previously road reserve before it was handed over following completion of the Southern Expressway. There is also no impact to any significant vegetation or any other section of the **National Park.** 

The Department sought feedback on key elements raised by the community as important in the first round of engagement. The graphs below indicate the proposed concept design met expectations of the majority of respondents.







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Other key themes of feedback raised during this period of consultation included:

- environmental impacts including exhaust and noise
- heavy vehicle traffic using the new interchange and Majors Road
- construction impacts whilst the interchange is being constructed
- public transport and bus stop infrastructure in the design
- safety for residents in Trott Park and surrounds due to additional traffic
- traffic increases along Majors Road and Adams Road
- direct and indirect impacts on the O'Halloran Hill Mountain bike trails
- pedestrian considerations for the full length of Majors Road
- stakeholder and community input into landscaping and other design elements.

### **Next Steps**

The Department is working through refining the design as part of the detailed design process in response to feedback. Your feedback has helped us to better understand what is important to the local community. We look forward sharing with you the updated design in mid-2023, following completion of the procurement process and prior to commencement of works.

The Department is currently working with a number of key stakeholders including Department for Environment and Water (DEW), Friends of Glenthorne and Riding for Disabled SA on improved community outcomes as part of the Majors Road Interchange.

Opportunities currently being explored include:

- Plantings along the Glenthorne Farm boundary in collaboration with DEW Glenthorne National Park staff and Friends of Glenthorne
- Reuse of topsoil material within Glenthorne National Park and O'Halloran Hill Recreation Park
- Reuse of boulders and rocks to create habitat within Glenthorne National Park
- Coordination of plant species and propagation with Friends of Glenthorne and DEW Glenthorne National Park staff
- Community involvement in planting and propagation during the project.

We look forward in sharing an update on these opportunities in the coming months.

#### **Further Information**

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Kind Regards,

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