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Revisions made to Mitcham Hills junction upgrades

The State Government will not proceed with a plan by the former Liberal government to build a roundabout at the junction of Old Belair Road and James Road in the Mitcham Hills road corridor, following community feedback and the recommendations of Infrastructure SA's independent review.

Infrastructure SA's review recommended to suspend the construction of the roundabout at the James Road / Old Belair Road junction.

It found that "based on the design of the current roundabout solution and the associated impacts, both in terms of costs, benefits and disbenefits and the possibility of other non-infrastructure and infrastructure options that could minimise impacts and traffic issues at this junction... the investment as currently proposed is not justified and further options to potentially reduce demand at the junction should be explored".

The review proposed the Government re-evaluate alternative options of addressing traffic issues at this location in order to manage traffic demand and flow in the Mitcham Hills area.

The State Government will now get on with upgrading Shepherds Hill Road, Brighton Parade and Waite Street junction and the Russell Street, Main Road and Sheoak Road junctions, retaining the right turn from Sheoak Road onto Old Belair Road. This work will be funded by the State Government through existing funding allocations.

For more information about the Mitcham Hills Road Corridor Upgrade projects and to view a copy of the ISA review, please visit:

www.dit.sa.gov.au/infrastructure/road_projects/mitcham_hills_road_corridor_upgrade

Quotes attributable to Tom Koutsantonis

We undertook that if elected we would pause this project pending an independent review, and that review has now vindicated that approach. This was always the wrong priority and it will not be proceeding.

We are listening to the community and acting on the independent advice provided by Infrastructure SA.

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This roundabout was set to cost \$20 million and would have required the removal of around 150 trees. Members of my community had raised serious concerns about this environmental impact and whether the roundabout design would have potentially made the intersection and traffic on James Road more dangerous than less.

We delivered on our election commitment to put the Old Belair and James Road junction project on hold and refer it to Infrastructure SA for review, to ensure the best approach to traffic and access issues in the Mitcham Hills area was achieved.

This is the right outcome and the Mitcham Hills community can be satisfied that their concerns were listened to.