

# Brighton Road and Edwards Street Junction upgrade

## What we heard

The Australian and South Australian governments have jointly committed \$40 million (50:50) to be spent in the Holdfast Bay region. \$30 million (50:50) to upgrade the Brighton Road and Edwards Street junction, South Brighton, and the intersection of Brighton Road, Wattle Street and Dunrobin Road, Hove. \$10 million has been allocated to upgrade the Automated Train Protection (ATP) system on the Seaford line.

At the Brighton Road and Edwards Street junction, people currently experience large delays due to a high volume of traffic at the junction resulting in the following challenges:

- road safety issues at the junction, especially for local access (right turn movements);
- local access reliability issues at the junction, especially during peak periods; and
- local access and safety issues for pedestrian movements at the junction.

The project proposal to signalise the junction aims to address these challenges.

Consultation was undertaken with the Brighton community, businesses and key stakeholders to gather:

- feedback on the proposed concept design;
- feedback on whether the Pedestrian Actuated Crossing (signalised push-button crossing) on Brighton Road, south of Gregory Street, should be removed or retained; and
- general feedback on whether the community supported an upgrade of this location.

## How we engaged

The proposed concept design for the Brighton Road and Edwards Street junction upgrade was originally opened for consultation from 10 March 2022 through until 8 April 2022.

Following community and initial feedback, consultation on the proposed design was extended to 22 April 2022. Additionally, the Department sought community feedback on whether the Pedestrian Actuated Crossing (signalised push-button crossing) on Brighton Road, south of Gregory Street, should be removed or retained.

The engagement centred on the following key activities:

- door knocking of residents and business owners on Edwards Street and within the Brighton Central shopping complex;
- briefing to the City of Holdfast Bay Council;
- virtual meetings with community members via Zoom; and
- use and promotion of DIT Community Relations contact number, email address and project website ([www.dit.sa.gov.au/brightonroad](http://www.dit.sa.gov.au/brightonroad)) for feedback and enquiries.

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The consultation was promoted through:

- an invitation to provide feedback, delivered to more than 455 residents, businesses and landowners immediately surrounding the junction;
- an email sent to stakeholders to inform them of the consultation and inviting them to virtual meetings with the project team to discuss the project further;
- project website at [www.dit.sa.gov.au/brightonroad](http://www.dit.sa.gov.au/brightonroad) – containing information about the project, the proposed concept and how people could provide feedback was available. The website also contained a web form, allowing feedback and sign up to future project updates; and
- project factsheet distributed as above and available on the project website.

## What we heard

The consultation focused on seeking stakeholder feedback on three key questions. An overview of the responses provided is described below:

### **1. How would you describe your attitude towards and upgrade at the Brighton Road and Edwards Street junction?**

A total of 212 respondents provided an answer to this question, with 66% providing a positive response to a proposed upgrade of the Brighton Road and Edwards Street junction.

The majority of respondents saw the value of and need for an upgrade at this location, particularly due to safety reasons arising from near misses and accidents.

### **2. How would you describe your attitude towards the proposed design of the Brighton Road and Edwards Street Junction Upgrade?**

A total of 225 respondents provided an answer to this question, with 50% providing a positive response to the proposed concept design of the Brighton Road and Edwards Street junction upgrade. A further 24% indicated a neutral attitude to the design, however the majority of respondents indicated the proposed installation of traffic lights at this location to be a welcomed solution.

### **3. Please share your thoughts on whether the Pedestrian Actuated Crossing (signalised push-button crossing) on Brighton Road, south of Gregory Street should be retained or removed.**

A total of 56 respondents provided an answer to this question, with 61% advising they felt the Pedestrian Actuated Crossing, located south of Gregory Street, should be removed if the planned upgrade progresses.

Although the majority of feedback favoured the removal of the crossing, 19% of the comments provided by those respondents indicated that if the crossing was retained, the preference was for the traffic flow to be sequenced with the new junction.



## Key Themes

In addition to the responses to specific questions raised, the following key themes were identified by stakeholders in their additional comments:

- importance of traffic flow on Brighton Road;
- safety concerns with the current Brighton Road and Edwards Street junction;
- improved access across Brighton Road from Edwards Street;
- congestion issues from nearby business entry/exit points;
- pedestrian and cyclist safety; and
- current line of sight at the junction.

## How will community feedback further influence the development of the detailed design?

Information gathered in response to the concept design is being used to inform the detailed designs and delivery of the project. Engagement with key stakeholders and the community will continue to form an important component across the life of the project

## Further information

For more information on the project, to register for project updates, please contact the project team via the details below:

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Kind regards,

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