

Lefevre Peninsula Upgrades Project

Project update and what we heard summary

The northern Lefevre Peninsula is one of the key economic growth areas in South Australia. To support the development of this region, the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) is upgrading transport infrastructure in the area.

This \$53.5 million upgrade will benefit local residents, visitors and workers by increasing the capacity of the road network. The upgrade will include supporting the defence expansion at Osborne, as well as other industries already established on the peninsula, and improve future heavy vehicle access to the port.

The upgrade includes:

- a realignment and upgrade of the junction of Victoria Road and Pelican Point Road;
- upgrades to the Victoria Road and Veitch Road junction;
- improved bike lanes and footpaths and new landscaping adjacent to the upgrades; and
- new LED road lighting, line marking and drainage.

Pavement rehabilitation works will also be undertaken on sections of Victoria Road between Oliver Rogers Road, North Haven and Indarra Street, Taperoo. These upgrades form part of an overall \$100 million commitment to road and rail infrastructure improvements on the Lefevre Peninsula. Jointly funded by the South Australian and Australian governments (50:50) it will support the creation of 205 jobs per year for the life of the project.

It is expected that vehicles using the Victoria Road and Pelican Point Road junction will increase from approximately 2500 to 9100 per day by 2030. To accommodate this growth, in both passenger and freight traffic it is essential this road network is upgraded to ensure it continues to operate safely and efficiently.

Community engagement and what we heard during the consultation period

Community engagement plays an important part of the planning, design and delivery stages of the project. In February 2023 we released a concept plan showing the proposed upgrade and sought input from the community to help us to better understand what is important to the community.

Thank you to all members of the community who attended the drop-in sessions, provided feedback via phone and email or completed the online survey.

ENGAGEMENT SNAPSHOT



Consultation

opened on 23 February 2023



2,841

Call to action postcards

Delivery of project letter to 2,841 recipients to encourage participation in the survey and/or get in contact with the team



9,067 people reached through the Department's Social Media



55

people attended two information sessions at the Osborne Community Hall



68

feedback submissions received (survey, email and hard copy)

Feedback indicated a strong sentiment towards removing and minimising impacts to Biodiversity Park, with the community requesting other options be considered for the road realignment of the junction of Victoria Road and Pelican Point Road.

Across both the community drop-in sessions, surveys and email submissions, feedback indicated a strong sentiment towards minimising or removing impacts to Biodiversity Park. This included concerns regarding potential impacts to flora and fauna, including the Coast Bitter-bush and loss of green space, particularly in Biodiversity Park adjacent Victoria Road at Osborne.

The community also raised questions about the need for the road realignment and the forecasted traffic volumes. A number of people requested that information regarding predicted traffic volumes be made available at future information sessions.

Other items of importance raised from feedback included:

- **Road safety** – improving road safety in the area as part of the upgrade.
- **Construction impacts** – minimising impact for residents and road users.
- **Traffic** – broader concerns about increased traffic volumes on Victoria Road and Osborne Road and the need for upgrades/traffic lights to be considered at the junction of Osborne Road and Victoria Road.
- **Pedestrian safety and access** – improved pedestrian safety is desired, including more separation from motorists and safer crossing points on Victoria Road.
- **Cyclist safety and access** – improved pedestrian safety is desired, including more separation from motorists and safer crossing points on Victoria Road.
- **Noise** – concerns about impacts from heavy vehicle traffic, particularly at night between 10pm and 6am.
- **Access** – suggestions for an alternative heavy vehicles access route to get trucks off Victoria Road.

Next steps

Following our assessment of all the feedback received and further to conversations with key stakeholders, we are now revising the design of the alignment of the junction of Victoria Road and Pelican Point Road.

Our aim is to minimise impacts to Biodiversity Park while still enabling the road network to function safely and efficiently as traffic volumes increase across the northern Lefevre Peninsula.

We look forward to sharing an updated concept plan, showing a new proposed re-alignment of this junction in the coming months. **We will be holding further community drop-in sessions** to engage on the updated concept plan. This will be an opportunity to share how the design has progressed, answer any questions the community may have and to provide your feedback.

Site investigations and early works are continuing across the area. Typically, these works are being undertaken Monday to Friday between 9am and 4pm and will help to inform the design. During these times, please observe speed limits, lane restrictions and traffic controllers when travelling through the area. Major construction is expected to commence in late 2024 and be completed in early 2026.

Further information

For further information and to register for future project updates please contact us via the below details:

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Kind regards,

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