

# Happy Valley Drive Intersection Improvements

## Project update – November 2026

**We are working to improve safety and reduce waiting times along Happy Valley Drive, Chandlers Hill Road and Windebanks Road**

$16 million has been committed as part of the South Australian Government's 2026 election commitments to deliver the Happy Valley Drive Intersection Improvements project.

- Improved intersection capacity
- Pedestrian and cyclist safety
- Improved efficiency and connectivity

This project will upgrade the existing Happy Valley Drive and Chandlers Hill Road single-lane roundabout to a dual-lane roundabout and construct a new roundabout at the Happy Valley Drive and Windebanks Road junction.

Upgrading these intersections will:

- Improve road safety for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.
- Reduce congestion and improve travel time reliability.
- Improve access to local roads, the local trail network and Happy Valley Reservoir.
- Support around 60 full-time equivalent jobs during construction.

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## Community Engagement

Thank you to everyone who attended the community drop-in sessions held in September or provided feedback via email to offer local insights into the area.

A summary of feedback has been provided in this update, and frequently asked questions can be found on the project webpage to answer common queries and questions we heard: dit.sa.gov.au/happyvalley

## Key feedback and queries

### Pedestrian and cyclist safety

You asked us how we are improving safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

The design includes new off road shared-use paths and dedicated crossing points providing safer access for pedestrians and cyclists by removing conflicts with motorists.

We have updated the design plan to better illustrate where the new paths are and how they link in with the existing network of pathways.

These new paths and networks will improve safety and community connectivity including to local businesses, the Happy Valley Reservoir Reserve and public transport.

### Design of the Happy Valley Drive/Windebanks Road roundabout

We received a number of queries asking if the single lane roundabout solution would cater to the current and future traffic volumes.

This design was carefully considered in line with traffic analysis and modelling which confirmed that a single lane roundabout will be sufficient to manage the current and future traffic volumes in the area.

### Traffic flow between the two roundabouts

Some people asked whether a single lane in each direction on Happy Valley Drive will be sufficient to manage traffic between the Chandlers Hill Road and Windebanks Road roundabouts, particularly during peak periods.

The approach distance between Chandlers Hill Road and Windebanks Road provides an adequate distance to safely and effectively merge as vehicles approach the Windebanks roundabout.

### Traffic flow through the Happy Valley Drive/Chandlers Hill Road roundabout

We also received queries about the feasibility of a northbound left-turn bypass lane from Chandlers Hill Road onto Happy Valley Drive.

The design includes a dedicated left-turn lane at the roundabout, allowing traffic to move efficiently while maintaining a safe environment for pedestrians. Further, providing a bypass lane would attract additional land requirements for road widening and costs to deliver.

## Next steps - Site investigations

To help inform construction works local surveys and investigation works will be ongoing for the remainder of this year, including geotechnical investigations.

As part of this, geotechnical investigations will be undertaken at various locations along Happy Valley Drive, Chandlers Hill Road and Windebanks Road.

Works will be undertaken at night to minimise impacts to road users.

**When**

Wednesday 11 November to Friday 13 November 2026, weather permitting

**Hours of work**

6pm to 6am

**Where**

Various locations along Happy Valley Drive, Chandlers Hill Road and Windebanks Road

## How this affects you

To minimise impacts these works will be undertaken at night.

Works will move progressively around the work area with all roads and bus stops remaining open.

To keep everyone safe speed and lane restrictions will be in place where required during working hours. Pedestrian and cyclist access will be maintained where possible. Please follow traffic management directions while works are in progress.

During these works, some noise may be generated by equipment, however we will minimise this wherever possible.

Access to businesses and properties will be maintained. Access to Happy Valley Reservoir for emergency services (CFS and MFS) will be maintained at all times.

We thank you for your patience while these works are undertaken.

## Stay informed

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## More information

- Visit www.dit.sa.gov.au/happyvalley
- Email DIT.Engagement@sa.gov.au
- Scan the QR code to visit the webpage
- Call 1300 794 880