



# HAHNDORF TOWNSHIP STRATEGIC TRAFFIC PLANNING STUDY - OUTCOMES

Public Consultation 29 April – 7 June, 2021

The Australian and South Australian governments have committed \$250 million to jointly fund the Hahndorf Township Improvements and Access Upgrade Project. The project will be delivered by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department).

The Department has completed the initial Hahndorf Township Strategic Traffic Planning Study and now invites you to provide feedback on options and ideas currently being considered to improve traffic safety, connectivity and liveability in and around Hahndorf. Your feedback will help inform the detailed design and delivery of this project.

## BACKGROUND

The Hahndorf Township Improvements and Access Upgrade Project was announced in October 2020 by the Australian and South Australian governments.

In July 2018, the Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development committed \$1 million for a strategic traffic planning study, to address traffic safety, connectivity and liveability issues in Hahndorf. Access and efficiency for heavy freight vehicles travelling to surrounding areas was also considered.

A key aim of the study was to investigate alternative routes for traffic which doesn't have a purpose in the main street (Mount Barker Road). As the study progressed, the importance of Hahndorf's unique heritage and character became increasingly evident. This has been considered, alongside traffic movements, in the options overleaf.

Improving safety, access and connectivity will support Hahndorf to remain a thriving Adelaide Hills community and one of South Australia's most loved tourism destinations.

## WHAT'S HAPPENED SO FAR?

The Department partnered with Jacobs Group (Australia) Pty Ltd to undertake the strategic planning study.

Geotechnical, environmental, heritage, safety, social and economic factors were all considered. Peak and off peak traffic counts were assessed. Community feedback was also a key component of the study.

The outcomes of this study have shortlisted three viable interchange options, as well as a set of ideas for the Hahndorf main street.

*We thank everyone who provided feedback during the initial study, and we welcome further feedback on the proposed options and ideas.*



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## WHAT HAVE WE HEARD SO FAR?

In 2019 the Department consulted with the local community and key stakeholders to better understand traffic concerns and issues in the area. Five clear key themes emerged:

- 1. Freight and other large vehicles** – the need for an alternative north-south (and vice-versa) route that enables freight and other large vehicles to avoid travelling through the main street.
- 2. Driver safety** – linked to large vehicles passing through Hahndorf and the width of the traffic lanes on the main street being insufficient.
- 3. Car parking** – a need for more parking, particularly during peak periods.
- 4. Pedestrian safety** – the need for more formal pedestrian crossings along the main street.
- 5. Traffic movement** – with a focus on safety and congestion. Challenges relating to traffic turning into the main street from intersecting roads, particularly Pine Avenue and Balhannah Road, were identified.

## NEXT STEPS

The Department invites you to provide feedback on the three interchange options, and ideas for the Hahndorf main street detailed below. Consultation runs from 29 April to 7 June 2021.

The outcomes of the planning study, as well as community feedback received during this consultation period, will help inform how the Department progresses the design and delivery of this project. A decision can then be made on which scenario and main street ideas will provide the best possible outcome for the public overall. Detailed planning for the Hahndorf Township Improvements and Access Upgrade Project will commence later this year, with construction likely to begin late 2023.

The Department will continue to engage with the community at each stage of the project. We encourage you to visit the project webpage and register for updates so we can keep you informed as the project progresses.

## OPTIONS AND IDEAS

The outcomes of the study identified three proposed interchange options (two at River Road and one at Verdun), as well as a set of ideas to improve traffic management and amenity in the main street.

Interchange options at Pine Avenue were assessed and found to provide limited benefit. They did not remove traffic from the main street and had greater impacts to vegetation, property and amenity than other options.

The shortlisted options detailed below improve the connectivity and efficiency of the road network around Hahndorf, focusing on access to/from the South Eastern Freeway. As part of the project, the Department also proposes to:

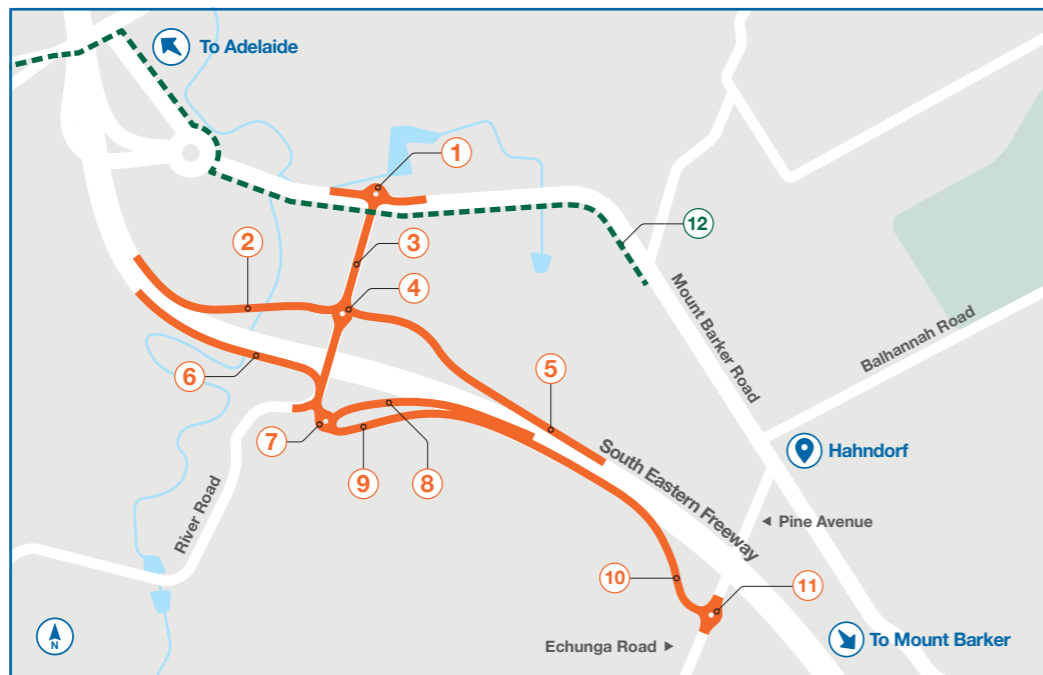
- Upgrade the existing Mount Barker Interchange to include new traffic signals at the southern intersection and ramp capacity improvements.
- Install a dedicated and separate shared walking and cycling path connecting Verdun and Hahndorf, thus acknowledging Hahndorf's heritage by providing the missing link to the Pioneer Women's Trail.

## RIVER ROAD - OPTION 1

Includes a full interchange at River Road and a new link road connecting Echunga Road and River Road.

The key benefits of this option are that it provides direct access for motorists travelling in all directions, significantly improving emergency service access and creating alternate routes for vehicles that currently pass through the Hahndorf main street.

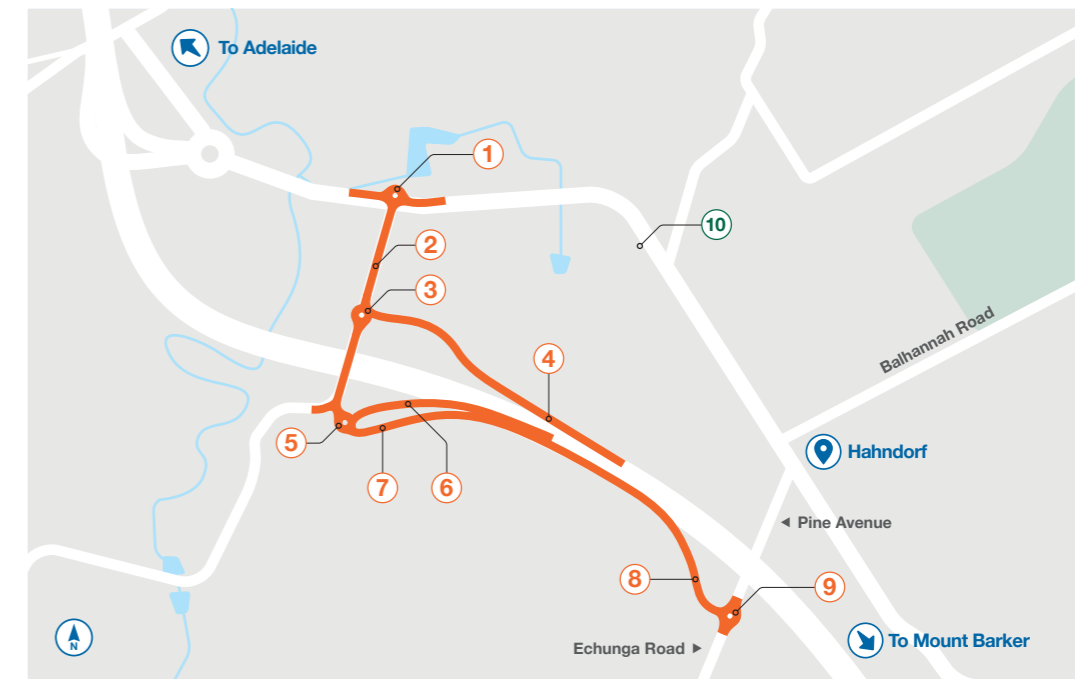
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- 2 New eastbound off-ramp for access from freeway
- 3 River Road upgrade
- 4 New roundabout
- 5 New eastbound on-ramp for access to freeway
- 6 New westbound on-ramp for access to freeway
- 7 New roundabout
- 8 New westbound off-ramp for access from freeway
- 9 New junction to Von Doussa Road
- 10 New road linking Echunga Road and River Road
- 11 New roundabout
- 12 Shared use path



## RIVER ROAD - OPTION 2

Includes a half interchange at River Road and a link road connecting Echunga Road and River Road. The key benefits of this option are that it provides direct access for motorists travelling south, north and east, and provides alternate routes for vehicles that currently pass through the Hahndorf main street.

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- 2 River Road upgrade
- 3 New roundabout
- 4 New eastbound on-ramp for access to freeway
- 5 New roundabout
- 6 New westbound off-ramp for access from freeway
- 7 New junction to Von Doussa Road
- 8 New road linking Echunga Road and River Road
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## VERDUN INTERCHANGE - OPTION 3

Includes upgrading to a full interchange at Verdun with a link road connecting Echunga Road and River Road. The key benefits of this option are improved access for motorists travelling east and alternate routes for some vehicles that currently pass through the main street. However, this option does not remove all unnecessary trips through Hahndorf.

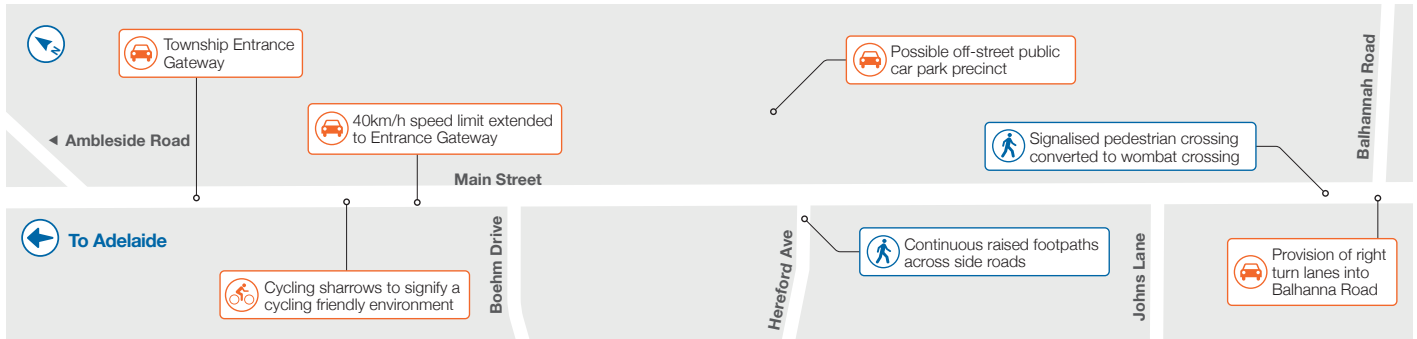
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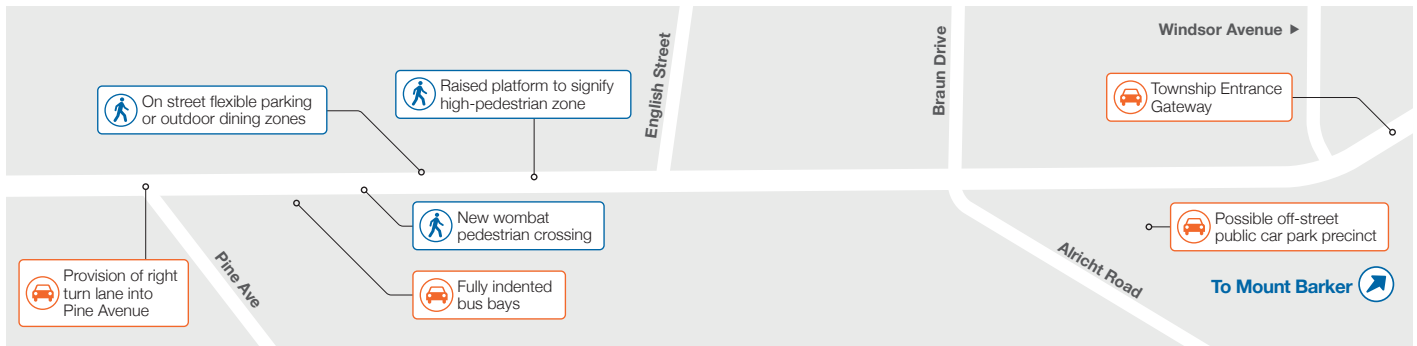
## MAIN STREET (MOUNT BARKER ROAD) IDEAS

The Department has worked closely with Mount Barker District Council through the planning process and continues to do so. The ideas for traffic improvements to the main street in the image below consider Hahndorf's unique heritage and character. The Department will seek to align and integrate with Council's Main Street Revitalisation Plans as detailed designs are progressed.

### Section 1: Ambleside Road to Balhannah Road



### Section 2: Pine Avenue to Windsor Avenue



## HAVE YOUR SAY

Community and stakeholder consultation is critical to the success of the project. To find out more about the project, to provide your feedback or to register for project updates please:

- Visit the project webpage: [dit.sa.gov.au/hahndorf](http://dit.sa.gov.au/hahndorf)
- Email us at [dit.communityrelations@sa.gov.au](mailto:dit.communityrelations@sa.gov.au)
- Call us on **1300 794 880**
- Register to attend one of the community information sessions where you can meet and provide feedback to the team.

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

Please join us at one of the below information sessions to speak to members of the planning team, and provide your feedback.

To ensure COVID-19 physical distancing requirements are met, registration is essential. To register your attendance, please visit the project webpage, email [dit.communityrelations@sa.gov.au](mailto:dit.communityrelations@sa.gov.au) or call 1300 794 880.

### The Hahndorf Memorial Institute

59 Mount Barker Rd, Hahndorf,  
Thursday 13 May 2021 from 5pm to 8pm.

### The Academy Lawns

68 Mount Barker Rd, Hahndorf,  
Saturday 15 May 2021 from 11am to 2pm.

The consultation period for feedback on the proposed options and ideas will be open until 7 June 2021.

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