

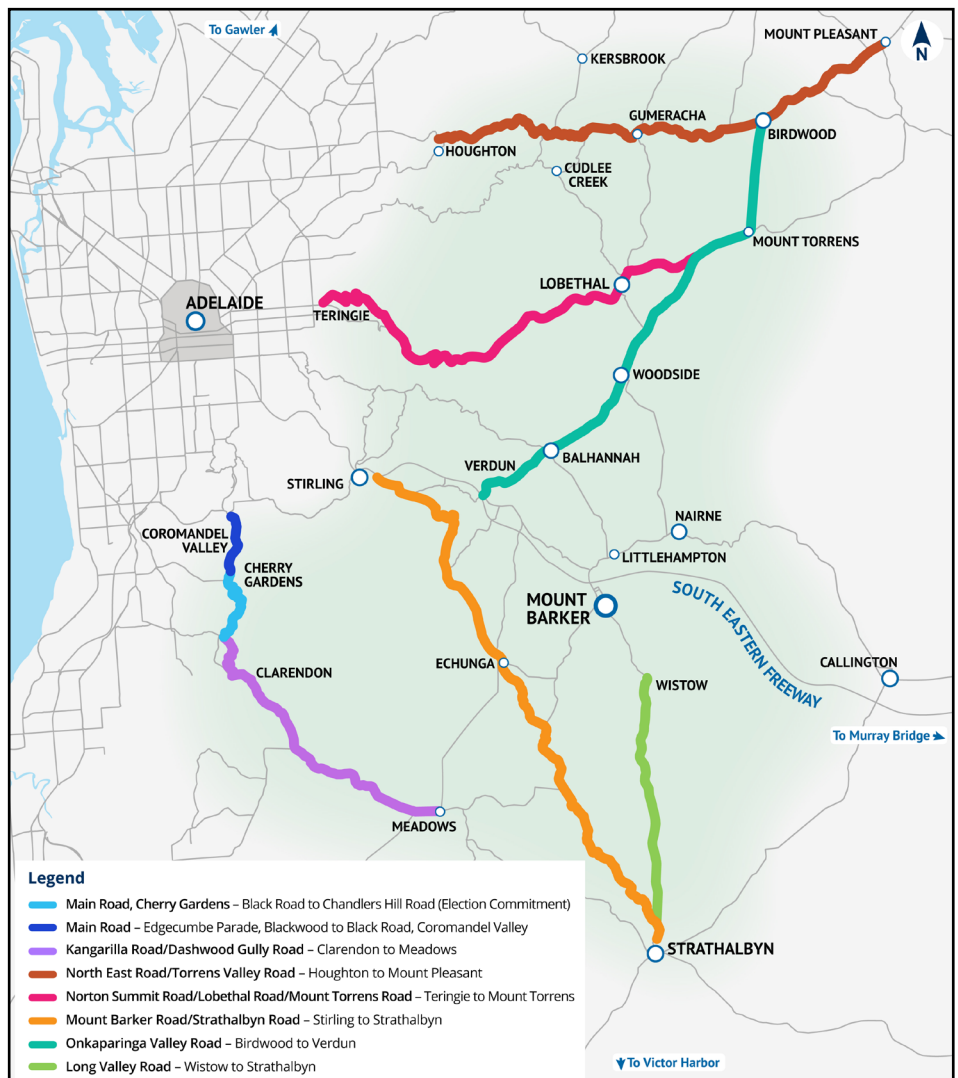
Adelaide Hills Productivity and Road Safety Package

Project Update

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) is delivering the Adelaide Hills Productivity and Road Safety (PRS) Package, which aims to upgrade some of the region’s key strategic arterial roads. The \$150 million initiative, jointly funded by the Australian and South Australian governments (80:20), includes a range of road improvements to support economic growth, improve road safety and increase fire resilience in the Adelaide Hills area.

The Adelaide Hills PRS Package comprises the following corridors and junctions:

- Main Road, Cherry Gardens – Black Road to Chandlers Hill Road (Election Commitment)
- Main Road – Edgecumbe Parade, Blackwood to Black Road, Coromandel Valley
- Kangarilla Road/Dashwood Gully Road – Clarendon to Meadows
- North East Road/Torrens Valley Road – Houghton to Mount Pleasant
- Norton Summit Road/Lobethal Road/Mount Torrens Road – Teringie to Mount Torrens
- Mount Barker Road/Strathalbyn Road – Stirling to Strathalbyn
- Onkaparinga Valley Road – Birdwood to Verdun
- Long Valley Road – Wistow to Strathalbyn
- Junction of Junction Road and Jones Road and the rail crossing, Balhannah
- Intersection of Onkaparinga Valley Road, Nairne Road and Junction Road, Balhannah



Phase One Engagement - Adelaide Hills PRS Package

In October 2022 we sought feedback from the community about Main Road, Cherry Gardens. Then during November and December 2022, feedback was sought on the remainder of the Adelaide Hills PRS package, alongside the broader engagement for the Mount Barker and Adelaide Hills Transport Area Study.

This stage of engagement focused on listening, learning and gathering local insights on current experiences travelling along the key corridors and throughout the region.

We received valuable feedback across face-to-face sessions, surveys, emails and online submissions. Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their insights.



In relation to the Adelaide Hills PRS Package, the main concern for road users was the quality of the road surface, which was the top response for six out of the seven corridors. Lane widths also featured highly for road users, with respondents raising safety concerns with the narrow road lanes.

The three most frequently raised issues for each of the Adelaide Hills PRS Package corridors are shown on the following page.

Phase Two Engagement - Adelaide Hills PRS Package

The local insights received in late 2022 are now being used to inform designs for safety upgrades across the Adelaide Hills PRS Package corridors. As these proposed designs progress through 2023 we will share them with the community for feedback.

As the quality of the road surface ranked highly as a concern for road users across each corridor, we have also identified three locations where road surface upgrades can be undertaken as part of the Adelaide Hills PRS Package immediately. These locations are along Onkaparinga Valley Road, Clarendon Road, and Lobethal Road. These works are scheduled to commence shortly. Properties in the vicinity of these works will be contacted prior to works commencing.

Main Road, Cherry Gardens – Black Road to Chandlers Hill Road (Election Commitment)



Quality of road surface



Lane width



Few overtaking opportunities

Onkaparinga Valley Road – Birdwood to Verdun (including intersection of Onkaparinga Valley Road, Nairne Road and Junction Road, Balhannah)



Quality of road surface



Driver behaviour



Few overtaking opportunities

Mount Barker Road/Strathalbyn Road – Stirling to Strathalbyn



Quality of road surface



Lane width



Few overtaking opportunities

Long Valley Road – Wistow to Strathalbyn



Quality of road surface



Few overtaking opportunities



Driver behaviour

North East Road/Torrens Valley Road – Houghton to Mount Pleasant



Quality of road surface



Protection for cyclists/pedestrians



Lane width

Kangarilla Road/Dashwood Gully Road – Clarendon to Meadows



Driver behaviour



Quality of road surface



Protection for cyclists/pedestrians

Norton Summit Road/Lobethal Road/Mount Torrens Road – Teringie to Mount Torrens



Quality of road surface



Few overtaking opportunities



Protection for cyclists/pedestrians

Main Road, Cherry Gardens

IN 2021, MAIN ROAD (COROMANDEL VALLEY TO CHANDLERS HILL) WAS IDENTIFIED AS SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S SECOND RISKIEST METRO ROAD ACCORDING TO THE RAA

(SOURCE: RAA'S 2021 RISKY ROADS CAMPAIGN)

Detailed feedback received from the community during Phase One of consultation indicated that the section of **Main Road (between Black Road to Chandlers Hill Road)** is narrow, with many tight curves and has dense vegetation that restricts visibility in some areas. There was a desire for the road surface quality to be improved and safety upgrades, such as road widening and safety barriers, to be made.

Following this consultation, the proposed upgrades for this section of Main Road, include:

- **Road and curve widening** – to provide greater separation between vehicles and cyclists, allow two trucks to safely pass while travelling in opposite directions and improve sight distances.
- **New road surface** – removal of existing surface and replacement with new asphalt to improve skid resistance and road safety.

Tree and vegetation management

To achieve these critical safety upgrades, tree and vegetation impacts will be required. Preliminary investigations have identified up to 70 trees within the immediate project area.

These trees will need to be carefully assessed and considered as part of the detailed design process. We will individually assess each curve and stretch of Main Road to design treatments that not only improve safety outcomes but also minimise impacts to trees and vegetation as much as practically possible.

Further detailed vegetation assessments are required before a final impact can be determined.

Where impacts cannot be avoided, all care and consideration will be taken in the removal and handling of vegetation. Removal of impacted vegetation will be carefully supervised by a fauna specialist and an arborist. All trees will be inspected prior to removal and if animals are found, they will be relocated by professionals.

We will work collaboratively with interested parties regarding opportunities to reuse the vegetation within the community.

Due to site constraints, offsetting vegetation along the corridor may not be feasible. Impacts will be managed and offset in accordance with legislative requirements and the Department's Environment and Heritage Technical Manual.

Seeking your feedback

The Department invites you to attend a community information session to view the proposed high level designs and provide your feedback. Community consultation on the proposed upgrades for Main Road, Cherry Gardens will close on Sunday, 14 May 2023.

You can provide your feedback via a number of options, including:

- attending a drop-in community information session (*details below*)
- completing an online feedback form on the project website dit.sa.gov.au/MainRoadPRS
- emailing us at DIT.Engagement@sa.gov.au
- calling us on 1300 794 880

Drop-in community information sessions

Please join us at one of the below information sessions to speak to members of the project team and view the proposed designs for Main Road, Cherry Gardens:

Venue: Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall
312 Cherry Gardens Road, Cherry Gardens SA 5157

Session 1 – Saturday, 1 April 2023, 10am – 1pm

Session 2 – Wednesday, 5 April 2023, 5pm – 7pm

Session 3 – Thursday, 11 May 2023, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Session 4 – Saturday, 13 May 2023, 10am – 1pm

Next steps

Detailed vegetation assessments and your local insights will help inform the detailed design for this project. Construction is expected to commence in late-2023. We look forward to sharing more information as it becomes available.

More information

For further information on the Adelaide Hills Productivity and Road Safety package, or to register for future email updates please contact us:

- **by calling** 1300 794 880
- **by email to** DIT.Engagement@sa.gov.au
- **or by visiting** dit.sa.gov.au/MainRoadPRS

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