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Tonsley Station location announced after community consultation

The Marshall Liberal Government has announced the location for the new Tonsley Railway Station, following extensive consultation with the local community.

The new Tonsley Station is part of the \$141 million Flinders Link Project that will create 55 full-time jobs per year over the life of the project.

The location of the new Tonsley Station was decided based on extensive community consultation, safety, technical and engineering requirements.

“The Marshall Liberal Government is extending the Tonsley rail line to Flinders health and education precincts to improve connectivity and provide a better service for passengers,” said Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government Stephan Knoll.

“We have delivered on our election commitment and thoroughly consulted the local community about the location of the new Tonsley station and taken their feedback on board.

“The station will be located as far south as possible which is one of the priorities identified by the local community and satisfies the engineering constraints associated with the track alignment.”

Extensive consideration was given to the station location, including allowing sufficient length to construct the 160-metre platform, the Department of Planning, Transport and Planning’s rail engineering standards for track, station and overhead wiring, and the modifications which would be required as part of the Flinders Link Project.

Member for Elder Carolyn Power said the Marshall Government had ensured consultation with local residents was a priority and that their feedback is taken on board.

Findings from the community consultation indicated that station access was a high priority. This means the southern pedestrian crossing point has moved further south and for access to the station for residents in Mitchell Park,” said Mrs Power.

“Three Activated Pedestrian Crossings will be constructed, two on either side of Alawoona Avenue and one further south of the station, aligning with Handley Avenue.

“Throughout our consultation the community also raised station amenities and connectivity so it was fantastic that \$1.7 million has been allocated for enhanced walking and cycling connections which includes landscaping, lighting seating and signage to enhance accessibility and use.”

The department is also investigating improving services based on this feedback and will be finalising timetables in due course which will we communicate to the local community.

As part of the Flinders Link Project, the existing Tonsley Station could not remain in its previous location due to the grade and elevation required for the new rail bridge to clear Sturt Road, Laffers Triangle and Main South Road.

The scope of works for the new Tonsley Station project includes:

- Construction of a new single platform, 160-metre-long on the eastern side of the railway line.
- Installation of seating, shelter, lighting, CCTV and passenger information for the new station.
- Replacement of the existing passive pedestrian rail level crossing at the level crossing (north side of Alawoona Avenue), with an activated pedestrian rail level crossing.
- Construction of a new activated pedestrian rail level crossing on the south side of Alawoona Avenue, at the northern end of the platform.
- Construction of a new activated pedestrian rail level crossing south of the platform aligning with Handley Avenue.
- Construction of access paths to and from the platform.
- Decommissioning of existing Clovelly Park station (north of Alawoona Avenue).
- Modification of signalling infrastructure.

The Morrison and Marshall Governments have committed an additional \$16 million (\$8 million each) to build the new Tonsley station as part of the Flinders Link Project.

The new funds take the overall project value from \$125 million to \$141 million.