

Victor Harbor Road Safety Improvements Project

Fact Sheet December 2023

Project update and survey outcomes

Project Overview

The Australian and South Australian governments are funding a \$155 million South Australian Rural Roads Package to improve safety on regional roads in South Australia. As part of this program, funding has been allocated for construction of an overtaking lane on Victor Harbor Road, Hindmarsh Valley.

In addition, as part of the \$15 million Victor Harbor Road Safety Upgrade Project jointly funded by the Australian and South Australian governments, an upgrade of the Hindmarsh Tiers Road and Virgin Road intersection with Victor Harbor Road, has been identified as a priority.

Stakeholder and community engagement forms an important part of the planning, design and delivery stage of the project.

From November 2022 to May 2023, we sought input from the community to better understand any community concerns, answer questions and assist with the development of the final design.

The opportunity to provide feedback was promoted by:

- Direct email to all those who had registered to receive updates;
- the Department's social media; and
- City of Victor Harbor social media.

During the engagement period we:

- received 53 survey responses from the community, local residents, businesses and key stakeholder groups;
- engaged with local interest groups; and
- held two Community Information Sessions to meet the community and seek feedback. These were attended by 46 people.

What we heard

The purpose of our engagement was to ask the local community and stakeholders for feedback on the concept designs for both the Hindmarsh Tiers Road and Virgin Road intersection upgrade, as well as the proposed Hindmarsh Valley overtaking lane.

The Community Information sessions, held in December 2022, were designed to listen, capture feedback, create an opportunity for transparent dialogue between the community and project team, and act as an information sharing opportunity to discuss concerns and



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address technical questions from the community.

The online survey was initially open from late November 2022 until early February 2023. It was then re-opened between mid-February 2023 and mid-May 2023 to ensure all interested parties had an opportunity to provide feedback.

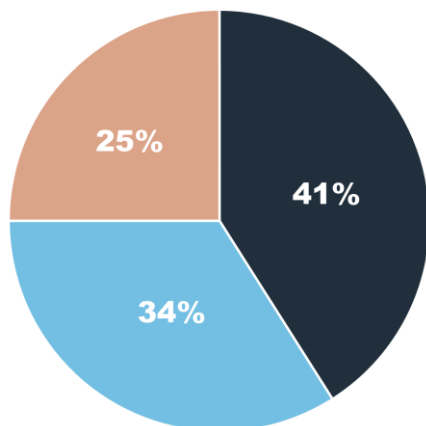
Hindmarsh Tiers Road and Virgin Road intersection upgrade

We asked the community to provide feedback on the upgrade of the Hindmarsh Tiers Road and Virgin Road intersection. The upgrade would include dedicated right turn lanes for traffic which will allow unobstructed through movement of traffic on Victor Harbor Road and minimise the risk of rear end collisions.

Upgrading the intersection would also provide motorists turning from Hindmarsh Tiers Road and Virgin Road with improved visibility of vehicles travelling on Victor Harbor Road, allowing for safer turn movements.

Whilst feedback on the proposed intersection upgrade was predominantly positive, the following key themes were identified from the feedback submissions:

Survey Respondents - Intersection Upgrades



■ positive/very positive ■ negative/very negative ■ not sure/neutral

- **Safety** – number of accidents and near misses with the current intersection were raised, along with requests for improved sight lines and for flashing light signals

alerting motorists to the upcoming intersection.

- **Speed limits** – requests for a reduced speed limit at this location.
- **Signage** – requests for improved signage at and around the intersection.
- **Design** – requests for various other road improvements (including request for the installation of a roundabout, dedicated turning lanes, U-turn facilities and increased road lighting).

Hindmarsh Valley Overtaking Lane

We received mixed feedback relating to the location of the Hindmarsh Valley overtaking lane with feedback including particular concerns relating to tree removal and the current speed limits.

We have listened to the community members concerns about the extensive tree removal and the overtaking lane will not be built as initially designed. We will continue to further investigate opportunities to improve safety in the area, including considering other locations and treatment options.

What's Next?

We are currently progressing the Hindmarsh Tiers Road and Virgin Road intersection upgrade design. Site investigations will continue as part of the detailed design process, and major construction is expected to commence in late 2024.

We will also be undertaking an overarching Victor Harbor Road Management Plan. This plan will consider how best to cater for future capacity and further enhanced road safety.

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