



# Hahndorf Township Improvement and Access Upgrade Project – Project Update

## Project overview

The Australian and South Australian governments have committed \$250 million to jointly fund the Hahndorf Township Improvements and Access Upgrade Project.

In 2018 a strategic traffic planning study commenced 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 vehicle options for traffic which doesn't have a purpose in the main street (Mount Barker Road).

The outcomes of this study shortlisted three viable interchange options, as well as a set of ideas for the Hahndorf main street. Earlier this year the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) sought community feedback on these three options and the ideas for the main street.

Through this consultation process, another interchange option was suggested by a number of community members. Following further review, this suggested 'Option 4' interchange has been determined as also a potentially viable option and is now being considered, along with Options 1 – 3.

**A final decision on the preferred interchange option has not been made.** Prior to this decision being made in early 2022, site investigations are required to better understand the ground conditions. We are also seeking community feedback on Option 4.

### Along with community feedback, the following criteria will form part of the assessment to help determine the preferred interchange:

- Reduces traffic on the main street
- Creates a travel time saving for traffic using the alternate route instead of the main street
- Minimises the impact to amenity
- Minimises property acquisition
- Minimises the impact to vegetation
- Improves bushfire and emergency access for the area

## Community engagement – What you told us

The Department would like to thank everyone who participated in the consultation activities and provided feedback during the consultation period that took place between 29 April and 7 June 2021.

Over 300 individual pieces of feedback were received from the community, residents and key stakeholders.

### SNAPSHOT CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES

<b>Media announcement</b> <small>by Minister Wingard on 29 April 2021</small>	 <b>150 phone calls</b> received
 <b>262 emails</b> received	<b>Four-page brochure</b> delivered to approximately 1,500 businesses and properties in and around Hahndorf
<b>35 one-on-one meetings</b> with property owners and key stakeholders	<b>538</b> visits to the project <b>Social Pinpoint</b> site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 177 unique users</li> <li>• 5 direct responses</li> </ul>
	 <b>121 brochures and FAQs hand delivered</b> to business
<b>300</b> webform, email and phone submissions	<small>29 April 2021 project email update to 128 people</small>
<b>2 July 2021 project email update to 332 people</b>	<small>29 April 2021 Postal mailout to surrounding landowners 135</small> 

The overarching themes that emerged most strongly included:

- general support for the project to proceed;
- concern about access impacts to Hahndorf Oval from the proposed link road in Options 1 – 3;
- environmental and amenity issues for local residents;
- support for the Shared Use Path to improve pedestrian and cycling connections and safety;
- safety concerns about the intersection of Balhannah Road and the main street;
- importance of bushfire and emergency access; and
- alternative suggestions to address traffic issues for Hahndorf and surrounds.

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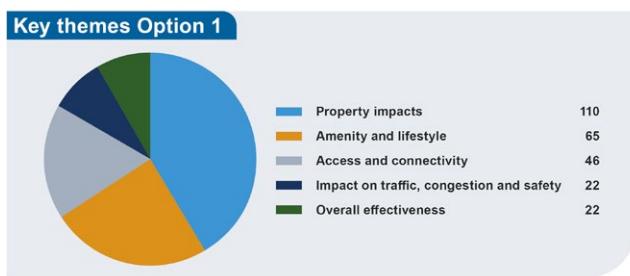
## River Road – Option 1

Option 1 attracted the highest number of submissions with similar levels of both support and non-support. It was viewed as providing the best future solution for access to the freeway. However, it was also viewed as having the greatest impact to properties and businesses.

Key themes and issues raised for Option 1 included:

- property impacts;
- amenity and lifestyle – on rural character, visual amenity and noise;
- access and connectivity for property owners, Hahndorf Oval and pedestrian accessibility;
- impact on traffic and congestion; and
- overall effectiveness – concerns over heavy vehicles use of the main street over new infrastructure.

The below chart indicates the key themes and number of submissions related to each theme for Option 1.



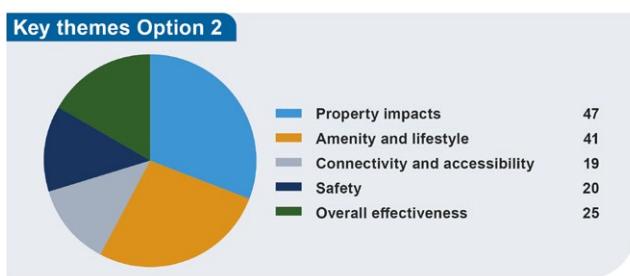
## River Road – Option 2

Option 2 received similar levels of both support and non-support. It was viewed as meeting the project objectives to address the traffic issues, however, was also viewed as having a high level of potential impact to properties and businesses.

Key themes and issues raised for Option 2 included:

- property impacts;
- amenity and lifestyle – on rural character, visual amenity and noise;
- connectivity and accessibility – for property owners, Hahndorf Oval, Yantaringa Reserve and to the new Tara Illa Bike Park;
- safety – concerning potential for increased traffic on River Road as a key residential area and cycling route; and
- overall effectiveness – there was concern about the potential for traffic to flow onto surrounding roads potentially minimising the effectiveness of the solution.

The below chart indicates the key themes and number of submissions related to each theme for Option 2.



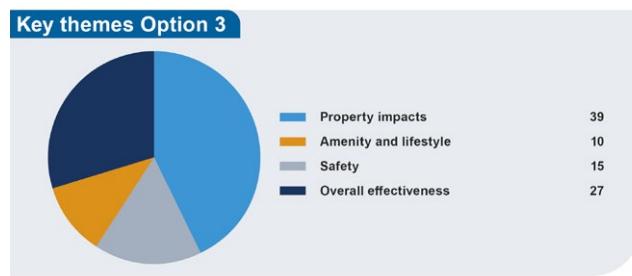
## Verdun Interchange – Option 3

Option 3 received higher levels of support than non-support. It was seen as the least invasive option with supporters valuing its use of existing infrastructure at Verdun. However, its long term effectiveness to address the problem was commonly raised as an issue.

Key themes and issues raised for Option 3 included:

- property impacts;
- amenity and lifestyle – in relation to noise and lifestyle amenity;
- safety – for cyclist and pedestrian safety when accessing nearby recreational and community facilities as well as access during emergency events; and
- overall effectiveness – concerns Option 3 would not meet project objectives to reduce traffic through Hahndorf compared to Options 1 and 2.

The below chart indicates the key themes and number of submissions related to each theme for Option 3.



## Main Street (Mount Barker Road) Ideas

Overall, the majority of submissions supported the proposed ideas for the main street with a number of submissions highlighting key suggested focus areas. A number of alternative ideas to address traffic problems were also suggested. The key themes and concerns raised included:

- concern about safety at the intersection of Balhannah Road and the main street and a preference to introduce traffic lights at this intersection;
- concern about safety at the Pine Avenue intersection – relating to safe vehicle movements when turning right onto Pine Avenue from the main street and turning onto the main street from Pine Avenue;
- balancing the needs of the local community and tourists;
- support for the provision of public off-street parking at both ends of the main street; and
- support for the introduction of Park 'n' Ride facilities with shuttle bus services from new and existing carparks and park and ride facilities.

## Community suggested Option 4

The Department has reviewed all feedback received including the alternative suggestions to address traffic issues for Hahndorf and surrounds.

Following this assessment, the suggested Option 4 Interchange has been determined as a potentially viable option with several key benefits that align with the project objectives to create a reliable and efficient movement for vehicles to bypass the main street. Additionally, this option improves bushfire and emergency access for the area.

### Option 4 Interchange overview

Option 4 includes a new interchange in the Paechtown area including a new freeway underpass, new connector road between Mount Barker Road and Echunga Road and on and off-ramps providing full access towards the east and west. It also includes a refined version of the east-facing ramps proposed in Option 3 for the Verdun interchange.

Similar to Options 1 to 3, this option will also include providing an additional access to the freeway, safety and amenity upgrades for Hahndorf's main street.

As part of the project, the Department also proposes a new Shared Use Path connecting Verdun and Hahndorf and an upgrade to the existing Mount Barker Interchange.

This option does not require the construction of a new link road between Echunga Road and River Road which responds to community concerns raised about access to Hahndorf Oval and recreation reserve.

Please turn over the page for a schematic map of Option 4.

### What's next?

A final decision on the preferred interchange option will be made by early 2022.

Prior to a final decision being made, site investigations to better understand the ground conditions are required, as well as community consultation on Option 4.

## Site investigations

Over the next several weeks the Department will conduct site investigations in areas where we need to better understand the site conditions. The investigations will include ground and topography conditions, hydrological and environmental assessments.

The Department will limit the need to access private properties as much as possible and will be undertaking sampling or testing works in public land. However, some landowners may be contacted by the Department to seek approval to access the property if required. Please expect to see temporary traffic management measures in place while the project team and crews safely undertake these investigation works.

More information about these works will be provided to nearby landowners prior to investigation works commencing.

### Have your say on Option 4

Community and stakeholder consultation is critical to the success of the project. To provide feedback on Option 4 please:

- Register to attend the upcoming drop-in community information session (details over the page)
- Complete an online feedback form on the project website [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

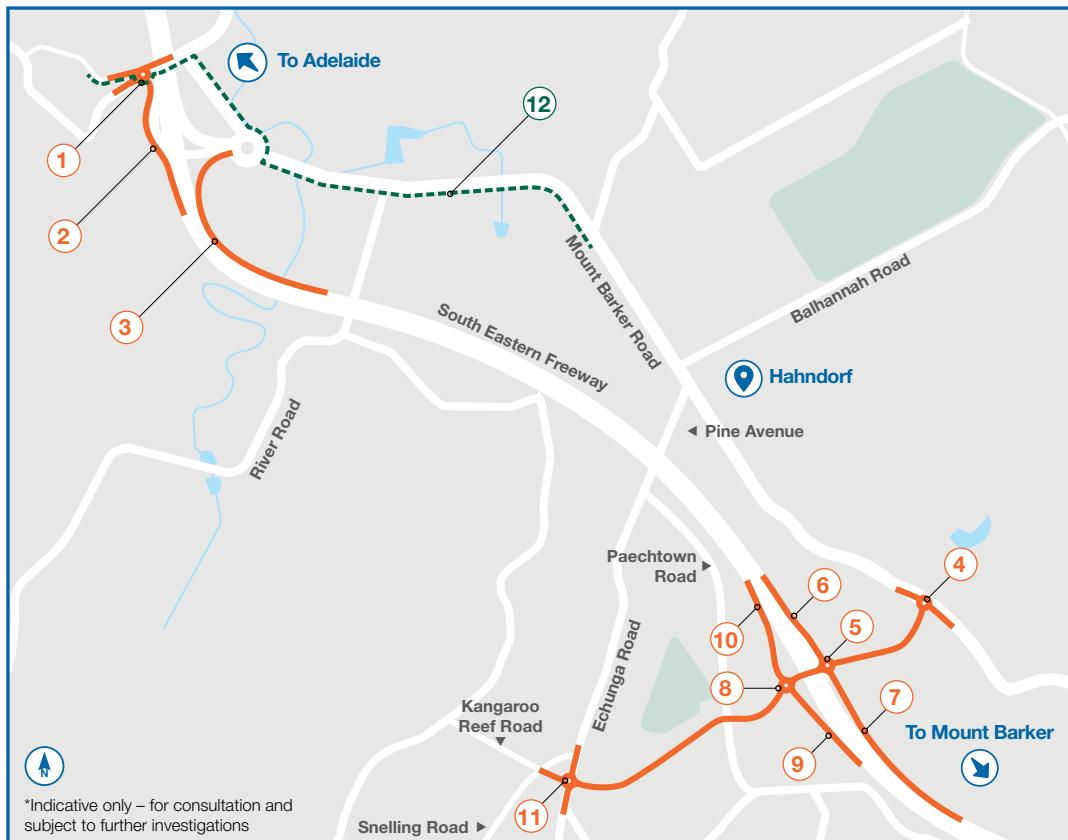
The consultation period on Option 4 is open until 10 December 2021.

We are also seeking feedback to understand which of the assessment criteria are considered **most important** to the community.

Please share your thoughts with us by completing an online survey at [bit.ly/3C8b6sS](https://bit.ly/3C8b6sS).

## Alternative Option 4 – for consultation and subject to further site investigations

- ① New roundabout
- ② New westbound off-ramp for access from freeway
- ③ New eastbound on-ramp for access to freeway
- ④ New roundabout
- ⑤ New roundabout
- ⑥ New eastbound off-ramp for access from freeway
- ⑦ New eastbound on-ramp for access to freeway
- ⑧ New roundabout
- ⑨ New westbound off-ramp for access from freeway
- ⑩ New westbound on-ramp for access to freeway
- ⑪ New roundabout
- ⑫ Shared Use Path



### Drop-in Community Information Session

Please join us at one of the below information sessions to speak to members of the project team and provide your feedback on Option 4.

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

#### Venue:

**Hahndorf Memorial Institute**

#### Session dates and time:

**Tuesday, 23 November 2021, 5pm to 7pm**

**Sunday, 28 November 2021, 10am to 11.30am**

**Sunday, 28 November 2021, noon to 1.30pm**

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