

Main South Road Duplication Project, Stage 2

Project update



Artists impression of newly realigned Aldinga Road and Aldinga Beach Road

In December 2022, the South Australian government released the proposed design for Stage 2 of the Main South Road Duplication project and sought feedback from the community.

Jointly funded by the Australian and South Australian governments, the project will duplicate the section of Main South Road between Aldinga Beach Road and Sellicks Beach.

Project scope

All four lanes of the newly duplicated Main South Road between Seaford and Port Road, Aldinga, opened to traffic in December last year.

This next stage will see the duplication of Main South Road continue from Aldinga Beach Road to Sellicks Beach.

The project includes the realignment of the Sellicks Beach Road intersection, and an underpass at the intersection of Main South Road with the newly realigned Aldinga Road and Aldinga Beach Road.

It also includes intersection upgrades at Hart and Colville Roads, Norman and Rogers Roads, and Hahn and Cox Roads, plus the installation of wide centre medians and wire rope barriers to improve safety by separating northbound and southbound traffic. Three U-turns are provided along Main South Road to facilitate local access.

A shared use path will be built along the western side of Main South Road, from Aldinga to Sellicks Beach.

The project is expected to be completed in 2026 and will support 405 full-time equivalent jobs over the construction period.



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Community engagement

Stakeholder and community feedback is important to ensuring the duplication is informed by local insights from those who know the region best – those who live, work, and travel in the region.

Between late 2022 and February 2023, we invited the community to provide feedback to identify issues and concerns for detailed design consideration.

Engagement activities included:

- project update email to 1,450 registered project subscribers;
- letterbox drop to 337 local households and businesses;
- Have Your Say online survey completed by 120 community members;
- three community information sessions attended by approximately 120 people;
- four community drop-in sessions during January and February 2023, with over 90 local community members including residents of Stonehouse Lane, Cox Road and Hahn Road attending;
- local engagement with Button Road residents; and
- opportunities for additional feedback through community enquiries received via phone calls, email, door knocking and meetings.

We would like to extend our thanks to all the participants who provided feedback during this engagement round.

What we heard

Over 430 members of the community participated in the engagement activities, with the most frequently raised key themes including:

General design feedback:

- a significant number of comments were received regarding the project's size and scale;

- there was support for full duplication and upgrading, with some comments about reducing the extent of duplication, in particular, the size of the Aldinga intersection;
- there were concerns about navigating the new infrastructure around Main South Road, Aldinga Road, and Aldinga Beach Road, as well as the proposed access road at the Victory Hotel and the realignment of Sellicks Beach Road; and
- desire that the infrastructure should integrate with regional amenities while balancing the needs of commuters, visitors, and local residents.

Pedestrian and cycle connections:

- need to provide safe access at Sellicks Hill, Sellicks Beach Road and the Victory Hotel, ideally via an overpass/underpass;
- include east/west connections at key intersections to provide dedicated east/west access points across Main South Road and safe access to local beaches; and
- support for dedicated, sheltered, or protected pedestrian and cycle lanes.

Vegetation, environment and amenity:

- minimise potential impacts on vegetation, preserve local natural habitats, regional character, and tourism benefits while maintaining visual and local amenity;
- support for offset planting initiatives; and
- desire for local heritage preservation.

Safety:

- pedestrian and cyclist safety and concerns about speed limits.

Property, landowner and business impacts:

- feedback on changes to existing property access;
- changes to existing traffic movements;
- effects on north and southbound travel from properties;

- effects on business operations and heavy vehicle movements;
- land acquisition and noise

Emergency access:

- the need to ensure safe access for residents and emergency services during bushfire season and evacuation events.

What has changed?

Following feedback from the community, we've tweaked the design of stage two to ensure it delivers the best outcome for all road users. The changes are:

- inclusion of an additional U-turn – between Rogers Road and Button Road, for vehicles to head southbound;
- Button Road will remain closed;
- improvements to the pedestrian access at Sellicks Beach through design modifications, including improved sight lines, flattening of the road, and the addition of a central pedestrian refuge; and
- the Aldinga interchange was modified, these changes included:
 - retaining the three-lane section on Main South Road for the on and off ramps at Port Road, which will improve the connectivity to Main South Road and the Port Road precinct;
 - the new western service road has been removed to enable the retention of the current three-lane section at Port Road; and
 - modifications to the eastern service lane by retaining a section of the current Aldinga Road as the service lane for Stonehouse Lane.

What's next?

We have started early works for Stage 2 of the project, including service relocations and accommodation works which are underway.

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