

FLEURIEU CONNECTIONS ALLIANCE



Newsletter

August 2022

The Australian and South Australian governments have committed a total of \$685 million to fund the Fleurieu Connections Main South Road and Victor Harbor Road projects. These projects are being delivered by the Fleurieu Connections Alliance.

Works completed – April to June 2022

From April to June 2022, the Alliance installed barriers along both Main South Road and Victor Harbor Road to safely separate our work sites from motorists.

Most of this work is now complete, and the majority of road works in the next few months will be undertaken behind the barriers with minimal disruption to traffic.

Site compounds at Aldinga and Victor Harbor Road are now complete.



Aldinga site office Main South Road, looking south

Continuing works – July to September 2022

Site clearing and earthworks have commenced on both Victor Harbor Road and Main South Road. These works enable us to start earthworks in readiness for constructing the new carriageways to fully duplicate Victor Harbor Road to McLaren Vale and Main South Road to Aldinga.

Night works are required to remove tree limbs that overhang onto the road and to carry out geotechnical investigations and utilities service relocations. Traffic management and detours will be in place while these works are undertaken.

Our team will continue to notify residents, road users and businesses as these works progress. Access to properties and businesses will be maintained throughout the works wherever possible. If temporary access disruptions are required, priority advance notice will be provided.

Recent wet weather

One of the key drivers for upgrading Main South Road and Victor Harbor Road is to improve the existing road surface conditions. The existing road surface has deteriorated in the last month due to heavy rain and wet conditions. Our team is busy fixing the damage and we would like to thank the community for their ongoing patience whilst these repair works continue.

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Site compound set up almost completed

Temporary site compounds to accommodate workers, portable offices, amenities, machinery and materials for the project are almost complete on Tatchilla Road and at Pedler Creek. Once the project is complete the land will be reinstated to its original condition. Some of the cleared vegetation will be included in our landscaping works.

Site preparatory works

As you pass through our works, you will see our fleet of machinery moving dirt around site. These site preparatory works get the site ready for the bulk earthworks that will soon get underway.

Across the project site, approximately 500,000 cubic metres of material will be excavated between the two project sites. Approximately 400,000 cubic metres across Main South Road works and approximately and 100,000 cubic metres across Victor Harbor Road works.

In the Maslin Creek area, the new road will be 2.5 metres higher than the existing road. To complete this significant elevation, approximately 50,000 cubic metres of fill material is required to complete the works.

Temporary road closures

Pedler Road (north) and Thomas Road have now been closed until mid 2024.

Other temporary road closures and detours will be required to allow us to safely complete the roadworks.

Our team is committed to providing information and notice to all impacted residents, businesses, farms and road users in advance of all disruptions.

Quarry Road, Old Noarlunga/McLaren Vale

To construct the new roundabout at Quarry Road and Robinson Road, Quarry Road is temporarily closed from mid July until the second quarter of 2023. Alternative access will be available via Seaview Road.

Advance notice of the closure of Quarry Road has been provided to local communities and road users.



New dual-lane roundabout at the intersection of Victor Harbor Road, and Quarry and Robinson roads

Maslin Beach Road, Maslin Beach

To construct the grade separation at Tatchilla Road, the Alliance will temporarily close Maslin Beach Road at its intersection with Main South Road Sunday, 21 August 2022 until the end of 2022.

Alternate access will be available via Commercial Road and Old Coach Road.

Sherriff Road, Maslin Beach

The intersection of Sherriff Road and Main South Road will close temporarily in early 2023 for works to commence on the new intersection.

Sherriff Road will remain open to traffic while Maslin Beach Road is closed. Advance notice of the closure of Sherriff Road will be provided to local communities.

Tenders open for work on Fleurieu Connections

A key commitment of the projects is to create opportunities for small businesses, Aboriginal businesses and local Fleurieu Peninsula businesses. Opportunities range from the supply of materials and equipment to the provision of labour, transport and logistics, and support services such as security and office supplies.

Local Fleurieu businesses interested in tendering for work are encouraged to get in touch.

Coast to Vines Rail Trail Upgrades

The current Main South Road pedestrian and cyclist underpass is being upgraded and will connect the Coast to Vines Rail Trail, and the new section of cyclist and pedestrian path between Seaford and Aldinga.

We look forward to sharing artist impressions of the upgraded underpass and the 3 metre-wide shared use path with the community in the coming months. This will include landscaping and urban design elements that capture the cultural expression and local significance of these two shared use paths.

The underpass structure will feature purpose-built archways, allowing clear lines of sight for cyclist and pedestrian safety. To be constructed from precast panels manufactured off-site, our planned construction methodology will reduce impacts to pedestrians, cyclists and road users along Main South Road. The precast structure components will be transported to site and be lifted into position using mobile cranes.

Underpass construction enabling works

The community may notice vegetation clearing in the area, as well as some excavation and rock breaking activities on the southern side of the Coast to Vines Rail Trail. These activities will enable the underpass structure installation to get underway. While access to the trail will remain open during the majority of these works, all required path detours will be clearly signed and information will also be available on the project website.

Kaurna Art

The Alliance is working closely with Traditional Owners and has established a Kaurna Artistic Reference Group through the Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation. The reference group will meet regularly to help develop urban design opportunities with the aim of culturally connecting users to place and telling the story of the importance of the area to Traditional Owners.

The Alliance would like to thank the Kaurna Artistic Reference Group members for their input into the beautiful design elements they are producing to benefit the local area. These design elements will incorporate Kaurna storylines about how the area was used in the past and its significance to their elders and culture.

These urban design initiatives will be released in the coming months.



Artist impression of early Kaurna design concepts at the Coast to Vines Rail Trail underpass

Pedler Creek bridge

Construction of the Pedler Creek bridge site office is underway. Early works include an access track to the new bridge location and a crossing at Pedler Creek. Once completed, piling works for the bridge will commence in the coming months.

When the new bridge is open to traffic, the old bridge will be demolished. The Alliance is working closely with the City of Onkaparinga and Biodiversity McLaren Vale to identify opportunities to revegetate the area with local indigenous species as part of the site rehabilitation works.



Artist impression of pedestrian and cyclist access on the western side of the new Pedler Creek bridge looking north



Artist impression of the new Pedler Creek bridge to be constructed on the eastern side of the existing bridge

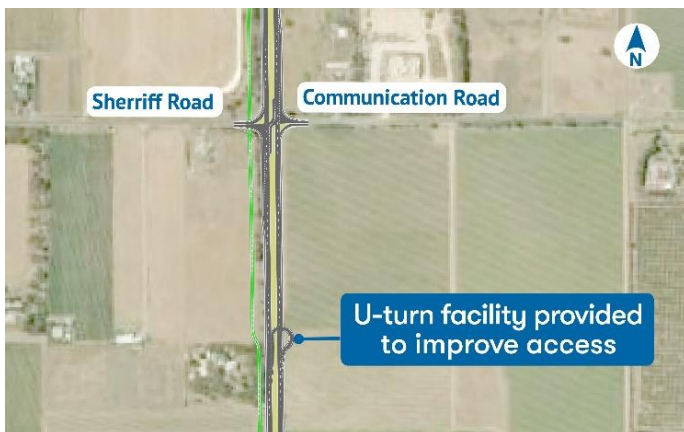
Changes to the Main South Road design following community feedback

As a result of community feedback on the design released in November 2021, a series of design changes have been made. We thank the community for their feedback and input, and we will continue to provide updates through the design process.

New U-turn facilities

Two new U-turn facilities have been added to the design between Malpas Road and Communication Road. The first U-turn facility will be located on the eastern side of the road south of Communication Road. The second will be located on the western side of the road, north of Malpas Road.

With the introduction of two more lanes, the ability to cross Main South Road east-west, and to safely turn right will be limited. These new U-turn facilities will help road users travel east-west and access side roads, reducing detours that would otherwise be required.



New U-turn facility on Main South Road south of Communication Road



New U-turn facility south of Thomas Road

New traffic lights at Bakewell Drive

The proposed set of traffic lights at Espial Street have been removed and will be replaced with a new set of traffic lights at Bakewell Drive instead.

Bakewell Drive carries large volumes of heavy vehicles from the Southern Region Waste Resource Authority servicing a significant area of Southern Adelaide’s domestic waste needs. A new set of lights at Bakewell Drive will ensure the intersection is able to accommodate heavy vehicles turning both right and left into and out of the facility.

Main South Road – Aldinga to Sellicks Beach

The South Australian Government has committed to a full duplication of Main South Road between Aldinga and Sellicks Beach, and a grade separation and road alignment of the intersection of Main South Road, Aldinga Road and Aldinga Beach Road, removing the previously planned roundabout at Aldinga Road.

Concept designs for the section of road between Aldinga and Sellicks Beach are currently being developed. Keep an eye out for information about some upcoming community information sessions to showcase these designs and to seek community feedback in late 2022.

World Environment Day

On World Environment Day on 5 June 2022, members of the Fleurieu Connections Alliance joined forces with Biodiversity McLaren Vale at the Biodiversity McLaren Vale Field Day at Shingleback and Red Knot wineries.

Despite the rain, the group planted 1,700 locally indigenous plants. Well done to the team and amazing crew of volunteers at Biodiversity McLaren Vale!

The Alliance continues to meet with members of Biodiversity McLaren Vale, Friends of Willunga Basin and the City of Onkaparinga to understand how the duplication of Victor Harbor Road and Main South Road can help deliver local biodiversity outcomes.

The project's landscaping design includes new trees and understorey plants based on advice from Biodiversity McLaren Vale to ensure species selected can be locally sourced wherever possible.



Alliance team members at the Biodiversity Shingleback Winery planting day

The Alliance will sponsor a Field Day with Biodiversity McLaren Vale soon. If you would like to get involved, you can become a member or stay up to date with future events through the Biodiversity McLaren Vale website.



National NAIDOC Week

In celebration of National NAIDOC Week, our team downed tools for an all-staff presentation and Q&A session. Members of the site leadership team opened the session by sharing about the history and importance of National NAIDOC Week.

During the event, this year's theme, 'Get Up, Stand Up, Show Up' was put into practice through a collaborative, workshop-style forum where the team shared and learned about how to support National NAIDOC Week and reconciliation in Australia.



Alliance team members participating in National NAIDOC Week

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