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Dear Mr Hayter

Thank you for your letters on behalf of Friends of Willunga Basin Inc, about the Fleurieu Connections Projects. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

As you are aware, the Australian and South Australian governments have committed a total of \$685 million to fund the Fleurieu Connections Projects, which are being delivered by the Fleurieu Connections Alliance (FCA).

This includes the further \$125 million committed by the Malinauskas Labor Government to deliver on the election commitment for grade separation at the intersection of Aldinga Beach Road and Aldinga Road, full duplication of Main South Road between Seaford and Sellicks Beach, plus new overtaking lanes between Myponga and Cape Jervis.

These projects aim to improve road safety by reducing the risk and potential severity of road crashes for motorists and provide a vital boost for local tourism, communities, and support hundreds of jobs each year during construction.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) and FCA will continue to work closely with City of Onkaparinga (the Council) and other key stakeholder groups to deliver pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure in a wholistic and coordinated approach, that aligns with the Council's long-term strategy for the wider pedestrian and cycling network across the Council area.

To date, the Department and FCA have held a number of community open days where local residents and interested community groups have reviewed the design and provided feedback. Additionally, a number of one-on-one meetings have been held with key stakeholders including the Council, the Friends of Willunga Basin, Bicycle User Group, the Friends of Sellicks, the Main South Road Action Group and the Tour Down Under organisers to inform them of the current proposal.

Further community open days were held 7, 10 and 13 December 2022, as part of a community engagement period to inform the design of the Main South Road duplication project further south, through Aldinga to Sellicks Beach. FCA is also conducting one on one meetings with key stakeholder groups.

The feedback period closed on 3 February 2023, and the information is currently being consolidated for review.

Current new pedestrian and cycling infrastructure to be delivered by the Fleurieu Connections, Main South Road Duplication Project include new:

- Shared Use Path (SUP) along the eastern side of Main South Road, between Robinson Road and Pedler Road (north).
- SUP along the western side of Main South Road, between the existing Coast to Vines Trail at Seaford Rise, and Sellicks Beach Road.
- Underpass of Main South Road to maintain the Coast to Vines connection under Main South Road.
- On-road bicycle lanes locally through the signalised intersection of Main Maslin Beach Road and Tatachilla Road.
- Grade separated crossing associated with an agricultural underpass linking Branson Road to Thomas Road.
- Signalised SUP crossing at the Port Road bridge over Main South Road at Aldinga, providing connection to the proposed Aldinga-Willunga SUP and existing connections to the west.
- On-road bicycle lanes locally through the realigned Aldinga Road / Aldinga Beach Road grade separated interchange.

I can advise that the signalised T- junction at Espial Street has been removed from the project scope and the signalised T-junction at Bakewell Drive is being considered for removal. This is to provide improved outcomes to the community by reducing the number of stops along the Main South Road corridor and provide faster journeys for motorists.

The Council has received \$3 million of funding from the State Labor Government under the Community Infrastructure Grants, meeting its election commitment to provide a SUP between Aldinga and Willunga, which is currently in the concept design phase. Following consultation, the alignment of the path which the Council has developed, is along Aldinga Road and Flour Mill Road to the proposed signalised shared use crossing at the Port Road bridge over Main South Road. Port Road is a distributor road under the care and control of the Council.

The Department and FCA are working with the Council to upgrade the existing wide footpath on the southern side of Port Road, between Main South Road and Old Coach Road (raised as an area of concern). The upgrade of this short section will include clearer delineation as a SUP, via a combination of signage and line marking, to clearly highlight the path to motorists who may be exiting the road to enter/exit adjacent commercial properties.

These upgrades combined with the existing SUP on Port Road, west of Old Coach Road, will provide connectivity directly to the Aldinga township, a key destination for people cycling and walking to access the developing business and retail precinct and nearby recreational facilities.

As part of the Main South Road Duplication Project, it includes a SUP from Seaford to Sellicks Beach Road. The Department and the FCA have been working collaboratively with Council to ensure this SUP also provides pedestrian and cycling connectivity, that aligns with the Council's long-term strategies.

In relation to pedestrian and cycling crossings in the vicinity of the Victory Hotel, the current design includes updated pedestrian facilities using a series of refuges within the upgraded Sellicks Beach Road intersection, as part of the project.

The animation of the current concept which shows the SUP and associated pedestrian and cycling crossings refuges can be found on the project website at: [Main South Road Duplication • Fleurieu Connect](#).

With respect to the planning study to identify a preferred solution for the McLaren Vale to Willunga Hill section of Victor Harbor Road, this work has paused to enable engagement with landowners and appropriate cultural representatives, with respect to significant cultural finds impacting potential solutions.

Should planning for this section of road progress at a later date, the Council's long-term strategies for pedestrian and cycle networks will be considered at that time and incorporated into the planning work.

Should you have any further queries regarding the Main South Road Duplication Project, the project team can be contacted on telephone 1300 896 826 or email Info@fcalliance.com.au.

In addition, information regarding the project can be found on the project website at www.fcalliance.com.au. Further community engagement on the project is expected to take place in mid-2023.

Yours sincerely



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