

PORT DOCK RAILWAY LINE PROJECT



Project Update

July 2023

The South Australian Government has committed \$51 million for the Port Dock Railway Line Project. The Public Transport Projects (PTP) Alliance comprising of McConnell Dowell, Arup and Mott MacDonald, together with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport, will deliver this project.

The project will re-establish the 1 km spur line, construct a new train station and bus interchange. It is expected to support 100 full time equivalent jobs per year averaged over the life of the construction period.

Community engagement

Between February 2023 and April 2023, we sought feedback regarding the key changes in the new design.

We would like to thank everyone who provided feedback and welcome further community input on the designs by completing our online survey by visiting <https://dit.sa.gov.au/portdock/survey> or by scanning the QR code.



What we heard

Key feedback received in relation to elements within the project scope included:

Support for dedicated pedestrian and cyclist access links:

- from the new bus interchange and plaza to St Vincent Street and Lipson Street; and
- from the new bus interchange across Lipson Street.

Existing conditions of Baker Street and Barlow Street:

- concern regarding existing street lighting at Barlow Street; and
- difficulties navigating the existing pathway intersections, including the sharp turn at the intersection of Baker Street and Barlow Street, and the blind corner at Bower Crescent.

Pedestrian and cycle connections:

- concerns about the removal of the level crossing from the previous design;
- concerns regarding the proposed changes to the existing pedestrian and cycleway connections to Lipson Street;
- suggested improvements to the Grand Junction Road bridge; and

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- support for proposed enhancements to the pedestrian and cycle connections as part of the new design, to reduce impacts to commuter cyclists and retain connectivity for local residents.

In alignment with the South Australia's Railway Crossing Safety Strategy, the South Australian Government's Railway Crossing Policy, and the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulators Level Crossings policy, a level crossing cannot be created as part of the project.

Public transport:

- concerns for future increase of bus movements and services to the new bus interchange and the need to consider mitigations for noise and amenity impacts to nearby residents;
- desire for early information on future train timetabling; and
- support for the maintenance of current Outer Harbor line train services.

Car parking – concern about the reduction of car parking spaces at the existing Lipson Street car park.

Lipson Street traffic – concern about the potential for the new bus interchange to result in increased traffic noise and changes to visual amenity.

General project feedback – comments on project funding, support and non-support for the project.

People were also generally interested to learn more about construction staging, pedestrian and cyclist detours, and potential construction impacts.

Key feedback received that is outside the project scope included:

- the need to consider pedestrian and cyclists access links across Commercial Road;
- the need to consider the existing road surface at Barlow Street; and
- concerns regarding current parking availability in the area and potential for future metered car parking.

Next steps

In conjunction with the City of Port Adelaide Enfield, we will investigate opportunities to support upgrades to pedestrian and cycle infrastructure, which are currently out of scope for the project.

We will continue to engage with the community and project stakeholders to ensure that all feedback is captured.

Planning and approvals for the project are ongoing. An update will be provided to the community following the completion of the State Commission Assessment Panel (SCAP) process.

You can see a copy of the plans online at https://plan.sa.gov.au/en/state_developments or in person at the PAE Council Civic Centre, 163 St Vincent Street, Port Adelaide; and Planning and Land Use Services, DIT, Level 9, 83 Pirie Street, Adelaide. Public submissions can be made until 13 July 2023

Site compound set-up and construction works, including changes to pedestrian and cyclist access, are expected to commence late July/early August. We will provide more information about these changes soon.

Community Reference Group – call for second round of nominations

Thank you to members of the community who recently submitted an Expression of Interest (EOI) to join the project's Community Reference Group (CRG). The intended purpose of the CRG is for a cross section of the community to represent a wide range of community interests and views specific to the project.

At this time, we have not received the required number of nominations to suit the establishment of a formal CRG. As a result, we are seeking a second round of CRG nominations.

This CRG will provide members an opportunity to be more informed about project progress, discuss topics of interest and share project information with their relevant networks.

Whilst not a decision-making forum, there will be opportunities for members to be involved in aspects of the project, including landscaping opportunities.

Terms of Reference for the CRG and EOI forms, including membership criteria, are available on the project website ptpa.com.au/portdockrailway or by calling 1300 705 992. Nominations close Monday, 24 July 2023 at 5pm.

More information

If you have any further enquiries or would like to register for project updates, please contact us via the details below.