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**Subject:** RE: Main Road Belair

Dear Fay Patterson,

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) would like to thank you for your letter and feedback in regards to the safety improvements to the Main Road junctions with Gooch Court, Penno Parade North and Downer Avenue, Belair.

DPTI also apologises for the delay in responding, however in this time we have been reviewing feedback from yourself and the local community and have managed to make improvements to the project's design as outlined below.

The project's safety improvements were identified as part of the 2014 Road Management Plan developed in consultation with a range of stakeholders, including the local community, Bicycle SA, the Bicycle Institute of SA, and the City of Mitcham to improve safety and traffic flow along Main Road, Belair. DPTI aims to introduce formal bicycle lanes on arterial roads wherever possible and ideally, continuous bicycle lanes would be introduced along the length of Main Road between Russell Street and the centre of Blackwood. Unfortunately, due to the constraints in width imposed by property boundaries, road and verge level differences, vegetation, services and the Pinera Overway Bridge, formalised bicycle lanes cannot be included in this short section upgrade of Main Road.

The main objective of this project is to improve traffic flow, reduce the risk of rear end and right turn crashes and enhance pedestrian safety by separating turning movements, indenting bus stops and providing a formal pedestrian crossing point to link with the bus stops and Pinera Railway Station.

Complete removal of the right turn lanes, specifically into Penno Parade North, is not supported as this imposes further restrictions to the residents and community in addition to the right turn out restriction at Downer Avenue.

However, we can confirm DPTI will be widening Main Road to allow additional lane width for cyclists and motorists, while also including the new pedestrian refuge and separate turning lanes for Gooch Court and Penno Parade North. This comes with some difficulties, due to the constraints from property boundaries, road and verge level differences, vegetation, services and the Pinera Overway Bridge. These constraints are why separate, formalised bicycle lanes cannot be installed at this time. The above will occur in consultation with the City of Mitcham and the local residents, as it will require relocating the current eastern footpath down an embankment much closer to property boundaries.

The pedestrian refuge that will be installed will also be designed to maximise the lane width and DPTI will also be installing some additional cyclists warnings signs: 'Watch for Cyclists' on the approaches to this section of road in both directions to further highlight their presence on the road.

Again, we would like to thank you for your letter and feedback in regards to the safety improvements to the Main Road junctions with Gooch Court, Penno Parade North and Downer Avenue, Belair.

Kind regards,

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