

Project Update: Orrong Connect Planning Study



OCTOBER 2024

Survey closes next week

The Orrong Connect team has been actively engaging the community for the past six weeks, and we've heard from hundreds of people including local residents, cyclists, public transport users and businesses about their current experiences and future vision for the corridor. We'd like to say thanks to everyone for their contributions.

There are a few days left for the community and stakeholders to have a say via the [online survey, map or ideas board](#) with this engagement closing on 21 October so we can start analysing your comments.

Another opportunity to have a say is to visit our final pop-up information session which will be held at Belmont Forum (227 Belmont Avenue, Cloverdale), 17 October, from 3pm to 6pm.

We will share the results of our engagement work with you at a later date.

Engagement sessions provide good feedback

Our team has received an enormous amount of public feedback and ideas at the three pop-up information sessions held over the last few weeks and it has been encouraging to see people react so positively to Orrong Connect.

Tapping into local knowledge and experiences through this and our other engagement tools is vital to the success of this planning study.

The next step will be analysing people's ideas, observations and feedback and presenting this to our Deliberative Panel when it meets in November.

Aside from these public engagement activities, the team also held a workshop with some of our key government department and agency colleagues. Participants included representatives from the three local governments covered by the Orrong Road corridor (Belmont, Victoria Park and Canning), WestCycle, the Planning Institute of Australia, the Public Transport Authority, Transperth, the Government Architect of WA and Main Roads.

Stakeholder "walkshop" >





Pop-up #2 - Belmont >



Major stakeholders come together for a workshop >

Project Director David Goodram said:

"Collaboration with our project stakeholders is critical to ensuring the success of this planning study."

Stakeholder representatives provide essential context and expert advice for consideration by the Deliberative Panel. This will inform the Panel's options development and evaluation, so that the Panel can be confident its recommended vision for the future of the corridor meets the community's needs and aspirations."

A highlight of this session was the "walkshop", a tour to the Orrong Road corridor, where the participants walked through three different areas within the corridor. Along the way, they were asked to rate the existing infrastructure they saw, as well as identify opportunities for improvements.

Deliberative Panel lookahead

We are currently recruiting for our Deliberative Panel. The Panel will draw from randomly selected members of the community as well as individuals who submitted an expression of interest to be part of the Panel.

The Panel will be demographically diverse to be representative of the wider community. Panel members are given a clear remit, with a suite of briefing materials, before being taken through an independently facilitated process to deliberate and present recommendations and supporting rationale.

Starting with its first session in November, the Deliberative Panel will come together over four and-a-half days, over a four-month period, to explore and recommend options.

Engagement Timeline

1

October 2024

Final pop-up information session at Belmont Forum between the food hall and Sportsgirl (3-6pm, Thursday 17 Oct). Public survey closes for evaluation and review (21 Oct). Deliberative Panel members are selected.

2

November 2024

Deliberative panel gets to work, coming together over sessions between November 2024 and March 2025.

3

March 2025

Deliberative panel reports on, and presents, its final recommendation on a plan for Orrong Road.

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April 2025 - December 2026

Detailed planning and development. This phase will culminate in a submission to seek funding for construction.

The Panel will look at the history of Orrong Road and current context, explore the different needs of those that use the corridor, learn what options/scenarios are possible, and consider feedback from both the broad community engagement and also the stakeholder agencies.

The Panel will be asked to consider factors like heritage, place, environment, technology and innovation in transport, economic costs and benefits, and sustainability principles.

The recommendations from the Deliberative Panel and the advice of stakeholder agencies will then be considered by the Project Steering Committee to determine a preferred option for further development and the preparation of a business case for delivery funding.

Further information

Register on our project website to receive project updates and keep informed about future opportunities to participate.



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