

Project Update: Orrong Connect Planning Study



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Orrong Road is a vital connection for many people moving across Perth.

Every day, more than 65,000 vehicles travel on Orrong Road between Great Eastern Highway and Leach Highway, carrying around 85,000 people. In future, that number is expected to increase to 135,000, as population and traffic volumes continue to grow.

We need to think about planning for the future needs of people travelling on Orrong Road.

Main Roads would like the community to help shape a plan that will improve safety, reduce congestion and enhance connectivity and liveability for people who live near, or use, this key transport route.

This project is currently in the planning phase.

About Orrong Road

Since Graham Farmer Freeway opened, traffic volumes on Orrong Road have increased significantly and it often operates at capacity.

Congestion along Orrong Road costs our local economy up to \$49.5 million every year in lost productivity. Congestion on this stretch of road is expected to increase as population and traffic volumes continue to grow.

Safety is a priority. Between 2018 and 2022 there were more than 40 crashes which led to serious injury on this section of Orrong Road. With increasing traffic volumes, the risk of crashes will increase.

With traffic volumes forecast to increase to more than 100,000 vehicles per day, we are planning for the future.

Help us achieve our goal

We are planning broad community and stakeholder engagement, including a 70-person deliberative panel to deliver recommendations to Main Roads for the future of Orrong Road.

You can get involved in helping us to create a community-focussed vision for the future of Orrong Road by;

- › Taking part in an online survey
- › Visiting us at a local pop-up session
- › Expressing an interest in being part of the deliberative panel.

These can be accessed here:

www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/orrong-connect

Engagement Timeline

1 September 2024

Broad engagement is now open. You can complete our survey, online map and attend pop-ups. You are also invited to express your interest [EOI] in being part of the deliberative panel.

2 October 2024

Public survey closes for evaluation and review. Panel members are selected.

3 November 2024

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

4 March 2025

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

5 April 2025 - December 2026

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

The deliberative panel

The deliberative panel will first explore how people use Orrong Road and then develop and review a range of options. They will be asked to consider factors like heritage, place, environment, technology and innovation in transport, and cost.

Feedback from the deliberative panel will be used by the project team to inform phase two of the project which will include detailed planning and development work, further community and stakeholder engagement and will culminate in the submission of a business case to seek funding for construction from State and Federal Governments.

Next steps

You are invited to express your interest in being a part of the deliberative panel. Or you can provide feedback by completing our survey.

Access the expression of interest form and survey here:

www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/orrong-connect

Expressions of interest for the Deliberative Panel will close on **30 September 2024**.

Further information

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



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