PLANNING STUDY UPDATE JUNE 2022



West Coast Highway Scarborough Community Feedback



Thank you for responding!

Between December 2021 and February 2022, Main Roads conducted a survey to ask the community what they thought of a future planning concept for West Coast Highway in Scarborough.

The aim of the planning concept is to better connect Scarborough through an upgrade to West Coast Highway that provides safer and more convenient access for locals, people from all over Perth and travellers far and wide. It includes a centrally-located lowered road section with surface roads and multiple pedestrian crossing points at ground level.

Main Roads received 719 responses to the survey mainly from residents primarily living in Scarborough and its surrounding suburbs. The survey results demonstrated significant support, with almost 70 per cent behind the concept. Information captured in the survey will be used to further develop the concept. This summary provides a snapshot of feedback received from the community.

Results

Do you generally support the proposed concept?



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Which of the following best describes you?



Which of the features do you support?



What do you want to see Main Roads consider while further developing this concept?



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Frequently asked questions

What other options have been considered?

Main Roads has assessed several options, including road widening and a tunnel. Our concept offers the most benefits in terms of minimising property impacts, reducing travel times, improving safety, and providing local amenity.

Why isn't a tunnel the preferred solution?

A tunnel option would require the complete closure of West Coast Highway for a number of years causing extensive disruptions to traffic movements, access and businesses within the Scarborough area. The lack of area available for a tunnel would require significant land resumption from commercial and residential property and public coastal reserves to accommodate portals, operational requirements (e.g., ventilation equipment and emergency access provisions) and road tie-ins to the north and south of Scarborough's builtup area.

How will the preferred option maintain connectivity for local users?

A lowered roadway carrying regional traffic under major intersections will reduce traffic volumes at ground level. This will allow intersections, parallel surface and side roads to operate better for improved local access to the area.

Multiple pedestrian crossing points will provide better connections over the centrally lowered section of West Coast Highway, enabling improved movements to Scarborough's beachfront for people walking, riding bikes as well as local traffic through Scarborough.

The preferred option includes changes to the level of access at a number of local side roads including Pearl Parade, Contacio Cove and West Coast Terrace but connectivity is still maintained in a much safer manner.

The concept generally makes it easier for people to connect and access the Scarborough area, its beautiful beach facilities and existing as well as emerging businesses.

Next steps

Main Roads will provide a submission to Development WA to make amendments to the Scarborough Redevelopment Scheme to protect the identified land requirements for the concept. The concept is not currently funded for construction.

We have also received other stakeholder and community feedback, expanding further on access to and from local roads and the future West Coast Highway, beach connections, amenity and urban design, business access signage, as well as future public transport. This feedback is currently under review and will be considered in the finalisation of the planning study report.

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