

Media Release:

Transport Recommendations for the Adelaide Hills

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Regional Development Australia Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island in conjunction with Regional Development Adelaide Metropolitan (RDA) today have released two significant reports setting out key recommendations for the improvement of people and freight transport for the Adelaide Hills and connecting regions.

A workshop was held in Mount Barker in December 2020 with key stakeholders including representatives from local government, state government agencies, freight operators and industry bodies, people transport operators, RDA's, RAA, Infrastructure SA, and industry consultants.

Two sub-groups specifically considered the challenges and solutions for improved people and freight transport. The result is two reports with very clear recommendations including:

For people transport:

- Design and implementation of two Bus Rapid Transit services (routes) between Adelaide and the Adelaide Hills with the following key features:
 - o High frequency services on shortest routes with minimum stops including upgraded and new Park n Rides.
 - o Buses suited to the gradients to maintain effective travel speeds and with improved bus amenity.
- Optimized with:
 - o Bus corridor improvements along Glen Osmond Road.
 - o Implementation of Movement-as-a-Service (MaaS) to support transition between modes of transport.
 - o Dedicated or preferential BRT lane access options.

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For freight transport:

- Short-term (to 2025)
 - o Additional works to the Hills Freight Bypass targeting road safety and capacity improvements.
 - o Improved public transport services to grow patronage and relieve congestion on the SE Freeway.
 - Medium-term (to 2030)
 - o Silver (significant upgrades) or Gold (greenfield route) standard responses to the current Greater Adelaide Freight Bypass planning study.
 - o Silver standard solutions for metropolitan freight movement along a primary route incorporating Cross Road and a completed North-South Corridor.
 - o A heavy vehicle road user charging scheme trial.
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Chief Executive Officer and Director of Regional Development at RDA Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island, Mr Damien Cooke;

“Growing congestion on Adelaide Hills transport corridors is gradually eroding quality of life for residents and visitors, and productivity for businesses and services. Through facilitating collaboration amongst key stakeholders, we can confidently release two reports today which clearly outline our recommendations for improvements to people and freight transport. Whilst we recognise and value existing work of government in this space, we cannot rest on our laurels because population growth, particularly around Mount Barker, is adding to congestion every day. We hope the separate reports, People Transport Solutions for the Adelaide Hills, and Freight Transport Solutions for the Adelaide Hills, provide sound guidance for consideration by all decision-makers involved in ongoing improvements in these areas.”

Reports:

<https://rdahc.com.au/projects/transport-recommendations-for-the-adelaide-hills/>

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