O’Connell Street Revitalisation

Project Update

March 2025

Consultation on the Paver Design Trial closes 5:00pm, Monday, 14 April 2025.

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Project Information

We are planning the revitalisation of O'Connell Street; making it safer, greener, and more accessible while preserving its heritage and supporting local businesses.

Early works will begin in mid-2025 and will focus on the section between Tynte Street and Archer Street during the completion of the construction of Eighty Eight O'Connell to minimise disruption. These early works will be limited to footpath and new street furniture, improved lighting, enhanced pedestrian crossings, and does not include the separated bikeway.

We will finish detailed designs for the remainder of the revitalisation O'Connell Street through 2025 – 2026 along with undertaking ongoing engagement during this process. Construction works are planned to start in 2027, and works will be undertaken in stages to plan and manage impacts to business, residents and property owners.

Given the busy nature of the street, construction works are likely to cause some disruption to businesses and people using the street. It is a priority of the project to undertake construction staging efficiently and effectively, while managing disruption. The City of Adelaide will endeavour to minimise disruption to traffic but may require occasional road closures. Stakeholders will be notified in advance, and pedestrian access will be maintained whenever possible.

Paver Design Trial

As part of this revitalisation, we are also trialling two paver design options to ensure the final selection complements the street's character. A trial installation will be in place on Lombard Lane by 24 March 2025, and and we want you to help us choose! Take a look and let us know which paver design you prefer.

The concept design for the O'Connell Street Revitalisation as well as the Paver Designs can be found at the back of this pack – feel free to share your feedback!

Background

The O'Connell Street Revitalisation Project is a key initiative to enhance one of North Adelaide's most important main streets. The project aims to create a safer, more accessible, and welcoming space for residents, businesses, and visitors while preserving the street's historic character.

This revitalisation was developed in response to community feedback and aligns with Council's broader vision for a vibrant, walkable, and business-friendly precinct. O'Connell Street is one of five priority main streets identified for revitalisation, alongside Hindley Street, Hutt Street, Melbourne Street and Gouger Street. The O'Connell Street Master Plan, approved by Council in December 2021, provides a long-term blueprint for improvements, guided by community input and strategic planning.

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What We Heard & How It's Shaped the Project

In 2022, Council engaged with the community to better understand priorities for O'Connell Street. Feedback from surveys, drop-in sessions, and stakeholder meetings informed key design principles, which have guided the concept plan. Some of the key themes raised and how they have been addressed include:

Improved pedestrian safety and crossings	Raised crossings and wider footpaths
More greenery and shade	New street trees and garden beds to fill canopy gaps
Dedicated cycling infrastructure	Protected cycle lanes included in future stages
Better lighting and security	Upgraded street lighting and public realm improvements
Support for local businesses	Improved streetscape activation

This engagement is about refining the design based on community priorities before moving into detailed planning and construction.

Key Benefits

- Safer pedestrian access with new raised crossings and upgraded lighting.
- Improved cycling infrastructure, with separated bike lanes included in future stages.
- More green spaces, with new street trees filling gaps in the existing canopy.
- Enhanced public amenities, such as new street furniture and better park facilities.
- Support for local businesses by creating a more inviting and connected environment.

Timeline

Construction will be staged to **minimise disruptions**, with early works beginning in **mid-2025** and the full upgrade planned for **2027**. The City of Adelaide will continue to engage with businesses, residents, and stakeholders to ensure a smooth transition during the works.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is 'Main Street Revitalisation'?

Main streets are the physical, economic, social and cultural hearts of their communities. They are important places for trade and commerce and play a crucial role in community connection and neighbourhood character. Main street revitalisation refers to the planned process of implementing initiatives and fostering main street environments that support thriving main street communities.

What will the revitalisation of O'Connell Street include?

Key upgrades include a new road surface, kerbs, and footpath paving, additional street trees to improve the canopy, new raised pedestrian crossings, upgraded road lighting, separated cycle lanes, and reconfigured car parking spaces. The project also provides public art opportunities, new street furniture such as benches, bins, and signage, and improvements to Reservoir Park / Kangatilla (Park 4).

How will I be impacted during construction?

The City of Adelaide will endeavour to minimise disruption to traffic but may require occasional road closures. Stakeholders will be notified in advance, and pedestrian access will be maintained whenever possible.

Given the busy nature of the street, construction works are likely to cause some disruption to businesses and people using the street. It is a priority of the project to undertake construction staging efficiently and effectively, while managing disruption.

We will be in contact with more information before construction starts.

How can I stay informed?

Regular updates will be provided throughout the design and construction process. These will be available via our website.

How do I provide my feedback?

There are several ways in which you can provide feedback:

Drop-in Sessions

Friday 7th March

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

North Adelaide Community Centre

176 Tynte St, North Adelaide SA 5000

Wednesday 12th March

4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

North Adelaide Community Centre

176 Tynte St, North Adelaide SA 5000

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Online

https://ouradelaide.sa.gov.au/oconnell-street

Share your thoughts via the online comment box.

Email your comments to oconnellstreet@cityofadelaide.com.au

Written Feedback
All written feedback must be received by 5.00pm on the date advertised and should be delivered to the City of Adelaide Customer Centre, or addressed to:

Community Consultation
O'Connell Street Revitalisation
GPO Box 2252, Adelaide SA 5001

Submission Form attached to this information pack

What happens next?

Regular updates will be provided through the City of Adelaide website, and community engagement sessions. To stay informed, visit https://ouradelaide.sa.gov.au/oconnell-street

For enquires please contact:

Customer Centre

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Contact Details (optional)

Providing contact details in a feedback form is optional. However, we ask for this information because we want to know a little more about who you are and how you use the city, so we know who is responding to ensure we get a higher quality of data to go along with your feedback. The data will help us analyse feedback from specific groups (e.g. age, gender, City users), which in-turn will provide a richer and more valuable response to help Council make decisions.

First Name:		**Last Name:**	
Email Address:			
Address:			
Business/Organisation Name (if applicable)**:**			
Gender:	☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other Identity	**Year of Birth:**	
Are you a City of Adelaide Ratepayer?		☐ Yes ☐ No	
Please tell us how you participate in city life (tick all that apply):			
☐ Work	☐ Live	☐ Shop	☐ Business Owner/Operator
☐ Study	☐ Tourist	☐ Play *(e.g. leisure, recreation, entertainment, dining)*	
Please indicate your main areas of interest (tick all that apply):			
☐ Our Community	☐ Our Economy	☐ Our Environment	☐ Our Places
Please indicate the locations that are of interest to you (tick all that apply):			
☐ East End	☐ North Adelaide	☐ South East	
☐ South West		☐ West End	

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☐ Yes ☐ No **Please provide your email address above*

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Please provide your feedback regarding the **O'Connell Street Revitalisation Project.**