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Encounter Bikeway Concept Design

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The concept design for the Encounter Bikeway has commenced with Council representatives, architects and engineers conducting a full site walkover on the Encounter Bikeway. The existing route and proposed alternatives are being assessed for concept design delivery, standards compliance and engineering/construction requirements.

The existing route of the Encounter Bikeway required assessment to undertake a condition audit, assess compliance and identify opportunities to improve the popular bikeway for users. Investigating potential realignment of the bikeway in sections will also be undertaken to improve user safety and experience.

The bikeway is approximately 21.5km in length and the section under review and consideration for upgrade commences at Laffins Point in Goolwa North (intersection of Liverpool Road and Howell Street) and terminates at the Alexandrina Council boundary with City of Victor Harbor at Seagull Avenue, Chiton. The proposed routes for Seagull Ave are in alignment with City of Victor Harbor's bikeway review and feedback study. Alternative routes and locations to improve user safety are also being considered.

Vehicle, cyclist and pedestrian data has been collected from 12 locations along the bikeway to assist in identifying current behaviour of users, numbers and accessibility.

Delivery of the final documentation is expected in August following a 4 week period of community engagement from late May to early June. Within this period, two public open days will be held to gather more information and provide feedback. Following this the draft concept plans will be available on Council's website for viewing. A survey questionnaire will be available seeking community feedback on the proposed changes via MySay portal, or written submission.