

Huonville Link Road Project

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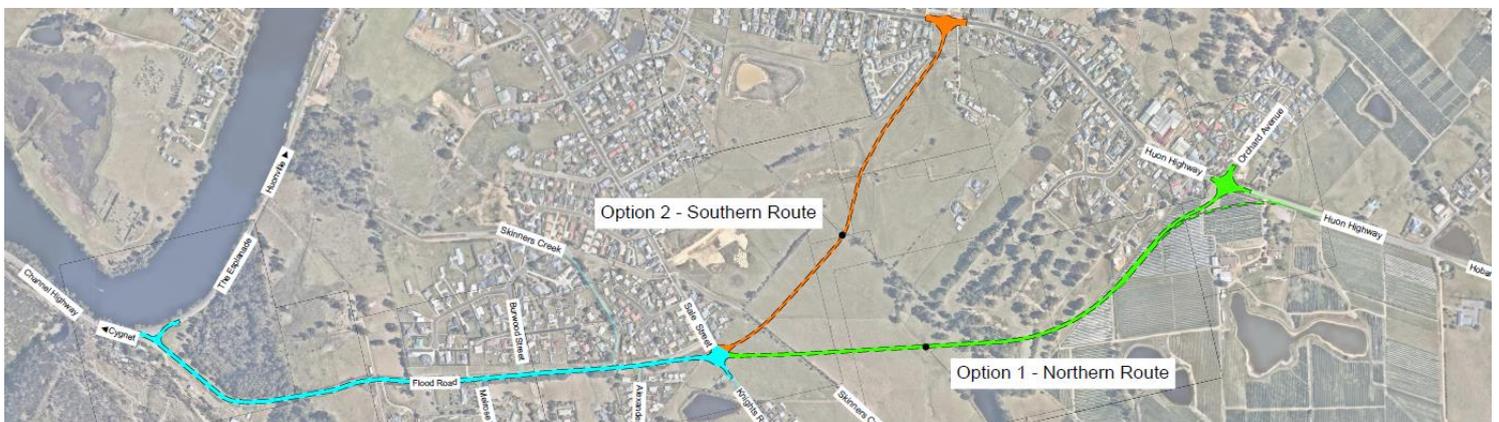


About the project

The Tasmanian and Australian Governments have committed to building a link road in Huonville that will reduce congestion and improve safety in Huonville's town centre. The link road will connect the Huon Highway with the Channel Highway, diverting Cygnet-bound highway traffic from Main Street Huonville, to reduce congestion and improve safety in Huonville's town centre

The community was asked to provide feedback on the proposed Huonville Link Road during public consultation held from 18 January to 10 February 2022 with two possible routes presented:

- Option 1 – the Northern route, that would run from Main Street, opposite Orchard Avenue, southeast, to the top of Flood Road.
- Option 2 – the Southern route, that would run from Main Street, opposite Sparkles car wash, southeast, to the top of Flood Road.



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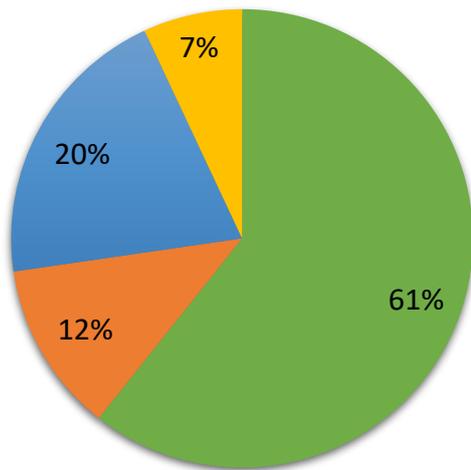
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The community's preferred road route

The community provided feedback in person during site visits, at a static display at the Huon Valley Community Hub, online via Social Pinpoint, via email, and via phone. The feedback received showed that the community prefers Option 1 – the Northern route, with 61% of responses in favour of this option.



- 131 responses in favour of Option 1 - the Northern route
- 26 responses in favour of Option 2 - the Southern route
- 44 responses in support of either option
- 15 responses against both options

What we heard?

During consultation, the community raised a number of issues regarding this project and general traffic safety in Huonville's town centre. The top 5 issues raised most frequently were:

Reduced congestion



Reduction in traffic congestion in Huonville's town centre and improved amenity along Main Street. Providing a link road will assist in reducing traffic congestion by removing almost 30% of traffic currently travelling through Main Street.

Speed limits



Improved speed management along Main Street and Flood Road. The community would like speed limits retained at 50-60kph in busy residential areas, while increasing the speed limit to improve traffic efficiency along the new section of the Link Road. Speed limits were indicated on the conceptual plans, and feedback around these speed limits will be considered in the design.

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Improved safety



New traffic and pedestrian solutions along Main Street to improve safety and community amenity, such as traffic lights or zebra crossings, crossing islands and more footpaths. This feedback was noted, although works on Main Street are currently outside of the scope of this project.

Landowner concerns considered



Turn in and out facilities for adjacent landowners on Main Street and Flood Road once the road is built. There were also concerns about increased noise during construction, and from traffic moving along the new highway. Adjacent landowners will be consulted one-on-one and necessary mitigation measures would be investigated to alleviate concerns and potential impacts.

Pedestrian & Cycling connectivity



There was widespread support for plans to construct a new shared pathway to link with the existing Skinners Creek Track that it is wide enough to accommodate cyclists and pedestrians. The need for additional pathways will be considered with reference to Council's shared pathway network.

Next steps

Noting the community's response that the preferred route option is Option 1 - the Northern Route, this route will be progressed to detailed design with the feedback we received from the community during consultation to be considered in the development of the final design.

Once complete, the final design will be shared with the community and one-on-one meetings will be organised with all adjacent landowners to discuss individual impacts and concerns regarding the new road.



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