

Thomas St / Mornington Rd Intersection Improvements - Community Consultation

Please accept this submission from the committee and members of the Unley BUG. This submission is prepared by the Unley BUG Committee on behalf of our 390+ current members to ensure the interests of people who cycle, walk and use mobility aids in, to and through our City are met in the above stated project.

Unley BUG are pleased to see council continue to target an identifiable need - a weak link - on our streets and solve it in a simple and inexpensive way. In the case of this project, the junction of Thomas and Mornington was always a weak link on the Unley Neighbourhood Bicycle Route (Roberts St - Heywood Park):

- It is difficult to recognise as a traversable connection by bike and hence could frustrate passage along the route
- The path through is unintuitive to navigate with no dedicated kerb ramp to the northern side, steep kerb ramp on the southern side and a narrow footpath connection between. This has led to conflicts between people walking and cycling and is difficult to traverse with larger bikes such as cargo bikes.
- There are currently safety concerns due to poor visibility between people cycling, people walking and people driving, particularly when making the turn to/from Thomas St.

We believe that the project as proposed addresses all of the above shortcomings of the current intersection design, and as such promises to greatly improve the experiences of people walking and cycling through the intersection and increase the viability and amenity of the Neighbourhood Cycling Route as a whole.

Regards,

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