



Unley Bicycle User Group
City of Unley, South Australia

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Cancellation of the Mike Turtur Bikeway Overpass at Goodwood

The Unley BUG would like to express our sadness and disappointment at the cancellation of the Mike Turtur Overpass Project. This significant project was created with two main aims:

- To provide safe, convenient cycling + wheelchair access across the train lines, and
- To provide equitable access to the Goodwood Station platforms.

Both of these major project aims, each of them a significant community need, will now go unfulfilled.

The Mike Turtur Bikeway is arguably Unley's (and Adelaide's!) most popular cycling route, providing an important commuter and recreational link between the city and Glenelg. The area around the Goodwood Station is the most confusing and unsafe part of the whole bikeway. We know that just one confusing and unsafe part of a cycling route can stop people riding the route altogether, which is why this project was so important for and eagerly anticipated by the cycling community.

People walking, cycling or wheeling across the train lines will be forced to continue to use the dangerous level crossings, contending with dangerous car and train traffic, or use the existing underpass, which is steep, dark, narrow and with poor site lines. Neither of these options are safe or convenient for children, families or people traveling alone or at night.

The newly-announced improvements (widening of the arched underpasses of the tram line and sprucing-up of the train underpass, while welcome in their own right, **do nothing to address the two stated aims** of the Mike Turtur Bikeway Overpass project and are thus poor compensation for its cancellation.

These aims were driven by real and pressing community needs - needs that still exist. Unley BUG urges the State Government to **reverse their decision to cancel the overpass project** or **provide a viable alternative solution** that meets the two above stated needs of the community.

Regards,

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