



# Engagement summary

Leitchs Road South  
Walking and Cycling Upgrade  
October 2024

## Acknowledgment of Traditional Custodians

City of Moreton Bay acknowledges the Jinibara, Kabi Kabi and Turrbal peoples and pays respects to Elders, past, present and emerging. Council recognises that the Moreton Bay region has always been a place of cultural, spiritual, social and economic significance to its Traditional Custodians. Council is committed to reconciliation and working in partnership with Traditional Custodians and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to shape a shared future for the benefit of all communities within the City of Moreton Bay and beyond.



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# A safer, more direct route

*Leitchs Road South is a key link in our City's active transport network. It connects the communities of Albany Creek and Brendale and provides access to the South Pine Sports Complex.*

City of Moreton Bay is planning to upgrade Leitchs Road South to make it safer, more connected and more enjoyable for people who walk, roll or ride along the route. Specifically, the proposed upgrade aims to:

- **enhance safety** for pedestrians, cyclists, and users of mobility devices
- **reduce journey times** by creating a more direct and connected route
- **provide accessible infrastructure** for individuals of all ages and abilities
- **encourage more walking and cycling** in the area.

The area under investigation extends over 1.7 kilometres, encompassing the Leitchs Crossing pathway over the South Pine River.

We delivered a four-week consultation to understand the needs and preferences of key stakeholders and local community. Feedback received will help inform further planning and concept design development for an improved active transport link along Leitchs Road South.

This report outlines the engagement process undertaken and what we heard.



*Leitchs Road South walking and cycling upgrade Investigation Area*

*I bicycle commute to and from work to the city along that route so anything that improves cycle access and safety is appreciated.*

Consultation participant

*It's a great initiative and I believe by making the street safer with speed bumps, extra lighting and including a path along Cribb Street the area will be safer and more accessible.*

Consultation participant

# How we engaged

We invited feedback on the proposed upgrade between **10 September and 8 October 2024**.

The opportunity to have a say was promoted by:

- direct emails to relevant organisations, groups and individuals
- letter to 1000 residents
- 1 social media post
- 10 A1 signs in key locations within the project area.

The following groups and individuals were invited to participate:

- **directly affected property owners** within or adjacent to the project area
- **active transport advocates and organisations** including Department of Transport and Main Roads, Bicycle Queensland, bicycle user groups, Queensland Walks
- local sporting, community and environmental groups.



## Social map

To help identify needed improvements along Leitchs Road South, we asked you to drop a pin on the map where:

- locations where people feel unsafe when walking, rolling, or riding
- pathways that are unsuitable.



## Community survey

To help us understand the level of community support for different upgrade options, we asked for feedback on:

- replacing parking on one or both sides of the street with separated bike paths
- introducing safer speeds
- improving footpaths
- increasing shade cover
- safer road crossings, such as raised crossings.

We also asked how Leitchs Crossing is currently used, including:

- why people use the crossing
- how often people use the crossing each week
- impacts of flooding within the past 12 months.

## Other engagement

The project team held one meeting at Leitchs Crossing with a nearby landowner. We also received two emails from residents following close of consultation, which have been shared with the project team.

# What we heard



**54 social map pins**



**52 surveys completed**

In both the social map and survey, respondents shared concerns and suggestions for Council to consider as part of the upgrade. The hot topics that prompted the most comments were:

**90%** lived near the project area

**58%** owned property near the project area

**79%** walk, roll or ride in the project area

Feedback from the community indicated strong support for the upgrade, with **80% of respondents** indicating they **strongly support** better options for people walking, riding, or rolling along Leitchs Road South.



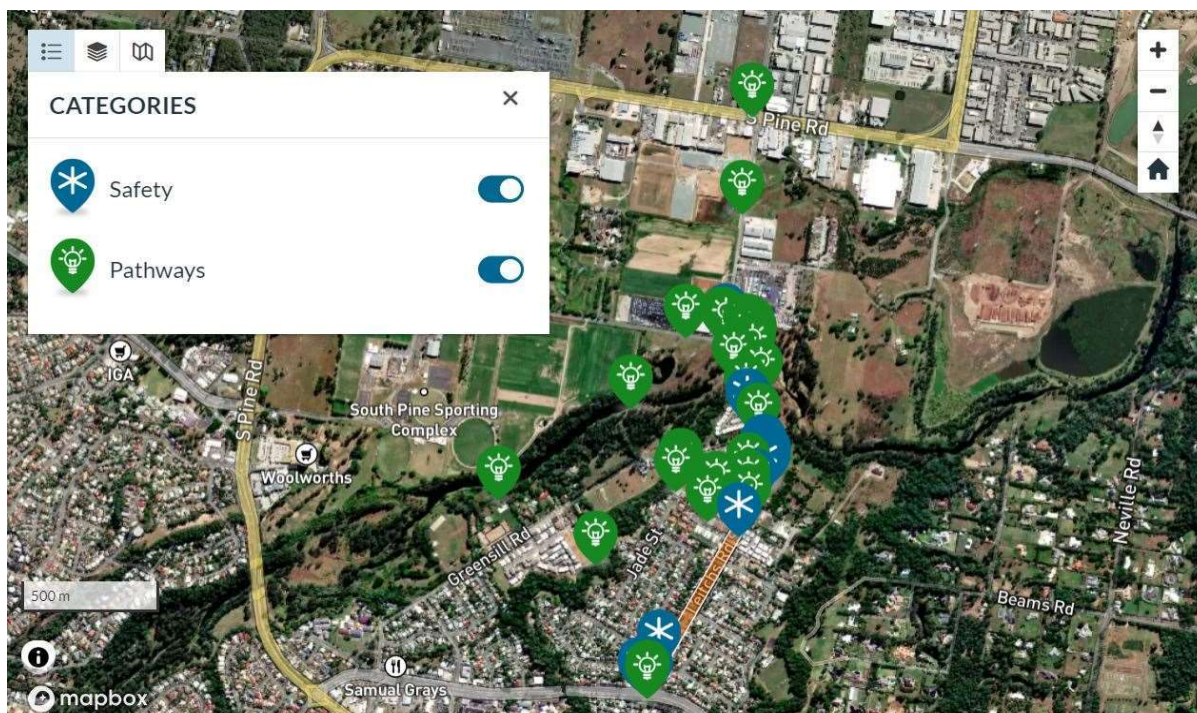
**Improvements to pathways**



**Parking and traffic management**



**Improvements to Leitchs Crossing**



Participant pins on the social map



## Pathways

We received **66** pathway-related responses:

- **42** related to requests for new pathways in locations outside the project area, particularly Cribb Road and Leitchs Road North.
- **12** related to improvements to footpaths on Leitchs Road South and Gaskill Court.
- **3** related to requests for improvements to cycling facilities.



*A safe pedestrian footpath/cycling lane along Cribb Road so that residents of Albany Creek near Leitchs Road South can cross to Brendale (Leitchs Crossing) and more safely and directly access South Pine Sports Complex and Eatons Hill retail precinct.*

Consultation participant



## Parking and traffic management

Responses in the social map and survey raised parking and traffic management as issues within the project area.

**24** responses raised parking as an issue, particularly near John Leitch Memorial Park.

**5** responses called for traffic calming on Leitchs Road South and near John Leitch Memorial Park.

*Street parking has become a problem at the end of Leitchs Road South with new townhouses being built (which I am for) though parking is becoming an issue especially on a bend creating an accident waiting to happen.*

Consultation participant





## Leitchs Crossing

Feedback from the survey, social map and stakeholder meeting raised the following priorities for upgrading the crossing:

- protecting wildlife
- upgrading gates to improve accessibility
- managing the river flow
- improving quality of crossing surface.

The build-up of debris during flooding events was raised multiple times, including during the on-site stakeholder meeting.

As part of the consultation, we asked people whether they have been impacted by flooding in the past 12 months.

More than 50% of these replied they have been impacted, but many of these respondents regarded the impact as being relatively minor - either due to flooding being very temporary or having other transport options available if needed.

*Please protect the local native habitat in the Leitchs Crossing area, i.e. don't over engineer it to the point that it causes loss of habitat.*

Consultation participant



## Water fountains, shade and lighting

Respondents raised the need for additional amenity to improve the experience for people who walk, roll or ride. Some of these suggestions included:

- water bubblers
- native shade trees
- lighting through Leitchs Crossing.

*Really positive news to have bike routes improved and make it safer to exercise.*

Consultation participant

## Other feedback

Some issues and ideas were raised which fall outside the scope of the project, including:

- waste management at John Leitch Park
- congestion and traffic management at the Albany Creek Road/Leitchs Road South intersection
- damaged pathways along other local streets outside the project area
- installing a platypus viewing platform.

We acknowledge that these issues and concerns are important to residents, which is why we have shared them with the relevant teams within City of Moreton Bay to consider. This project focuses on enhancing our active transport network within the identified project area.

# Next steps

City of Moreton Bay appreciates the generous and insightful contributions made during consultation for the Leitchs Road South walking and cycling upgrade. The project team is currently reviewing your feedback, which will assist us in planning for a better experience for people who walk, roll or ride along Leitchs Road South.

Planning for this project is expected to be completed in late 2024. To stay updated on the progress of this project, please visit [moretonbay.link/leitchs-road-south-walking-and-cycling-upgrade](https://moretonbay.link/leitchs-road-south-walking-and-cycling-upgrade) and click the +Follow button at the top of the page.



