

# Operation Moving Traffic

## Changes to operating hours for clearways along Glen Osmond Road fact sheet



### What is Operation Moving Traffic (OMT)?

*Operation Moving Traffic (OMT)* is a South Australian Government initiative launched in 2015 to improve the efficiency, reliability and safety of the transport network, which includes both roads and public transport and extends across Greater Adelaide.

Congestion on our roads not only impacts how people move in cars; it also affects the reliability and experience of public transport services and the capacity of businesses to move goods and services in a way that affects our economic competitiveness.

*OMT* highlights some of the challenges currently facing how we manage the operation of Adelaide's existing urban transport network and starts to identify some of the opportunities for its improvement now and into the future.

It includes active consultation and engagement with a wide range of people and organisations with a stake in the transport network, including local governments, industry groups and community and public interest groups.

On 18 April 2016, the Minister for Transport released the *Operation Moving Traffic Report* which outlines a number of short to medium term actions in key areas that will begin the process of change needed to keep people and goods moving on the land transport network in Adelaide.

Consultation on identified actions within the *OMT report* will continue throughout 2016, as will

engagement on medium-term actions and on-going strategies aimed at smarter multi-modal management of the road space for improved performance into the future.

For further information or to download a copy of the report visit

<http://www.dpti.sa.gov.au/movingtraffic>

While congestion occurs throughout Adelaide's arterial network, improved performance on the Inner (City) Ring Route in the short term could have significant benefits and improved travel times.

The inner ring route comprises Greenhill Road, Fullarton Road and other major roads around the Park Lands. It provides road users with an important alternative to travelling through the Adelaide CBD. An efficient Inner (City) Ring Route also supports businesses in the surrounding inner suburbs, such as the science, technology and innovation clusters in Thebarton, and the various industrial, commercial and bulky goods establishments located along the Route. This role supports further residential and business expansion in the inner metropolitan area.

### Benefits:

An early initiative launched as part of the announcement of the *Operation Moving Traffic* report, was a pilot to extend the operating hours of parking restrictions (clearways and bicycle lanes) on Greenhill Road between Anzac Highway and Glynburn Road. The purpose of this pilot was to offer a gradual and staged approach to tackling

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Adelaide's peak period congestion problem and improve road safety.

Evaluation of Bluetooth data over the last 12 months shows a 1 minute travel time improvement on Greenhill Road between Devereux Road and Anzac Highway heading west and 40 seconds improvement for east bound. Comparing the traffic volume in 2017 versus 2016 shows a further 4% increase in traffic volume during the extended clearway period.

The travel time improvements will benefit an average of 14 000 vehicles per day during the extended clearway times of 9.00 am – 10.00 am, 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm.

Following the success achieved with the changes made to Greenhill Road, extension of Clearway operating times is now proposed for Glen Osmond Road, between Greenhill Road and Portrush Road.

### Why are these changes being made?

Parking analysis has highlighted the following facts regarding parking along and adjacent to Glen Osmond Road:

- Motorists generally avoid parking on Glen Osmond Road. Alternative, and arguably safer parking opportunities, are preferred by drivers who wish to park in the vicinity.
- Parking numbers along Glen Osmond Road during times that will now be included within the clearway times is low.
- Alternative parking options are available in private carparks and on side streets during the new clearway times.

New hours of operation for clearways contribute to improved safety on our roads by reducing crashes and improving traffic flow by specifically delineating the lanes for different road users.

New hours of operation for clearways allow buses and freight vehicles smoother passage and improve visibility for all road users, including pedestrians.

Clearways also provide for smoother and safer

traffic flow, which result in the following benefits:

- Improved bus and freight traffic flow, as the need to weave around parked vehicles is eliminated. The need for freight to travel in the median lane (due to parked vehicles) will also be reduced.
- A more even distribution of vehicles over the traffic lanes and less lane changing, which can lead to consistent speeds along a route. From the "National Greenhouse Strategy", Part 5.6 Traffic Management, states, "...an aim of reducing emissions from motor vehicles by achieving travel at more consistent speeds, especially for high volume routes".
- From the findings of the Federal Office of Road Safety, the accident reductions that can be expected are: 20% for rear end accidents, 50% for hit parked/parking vehicles, and 30% for vehicle hits pedestrian type accidents (by the absence of parked vehicles which hide pedestrians).
- Improved access to the arterial road system from local roads, as sight distances will be improved and the traffic platoons will be shorter, thereby allowing easier access.
- Improvements to the arterial road system encourage motorists to travel along those roads, instead of bypassing areas of congestion by utilising the local road network.
- Improved cycling environment, as cyclists need not weave around parked vehicles.
- Due to vehicle platoons being more compact, pedestrians wishing to cross the road have more time between the platoons in which to cross.

The new hours of operation for clearways ensure the most effective use of limited arterial road space and supports the objectives of OMT as well as the growth targets in the 30 year plan for Greater Adelaide and contributes to a more vibrant city.

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