

# Samford Road Intersection Improvements Project Consultation Report

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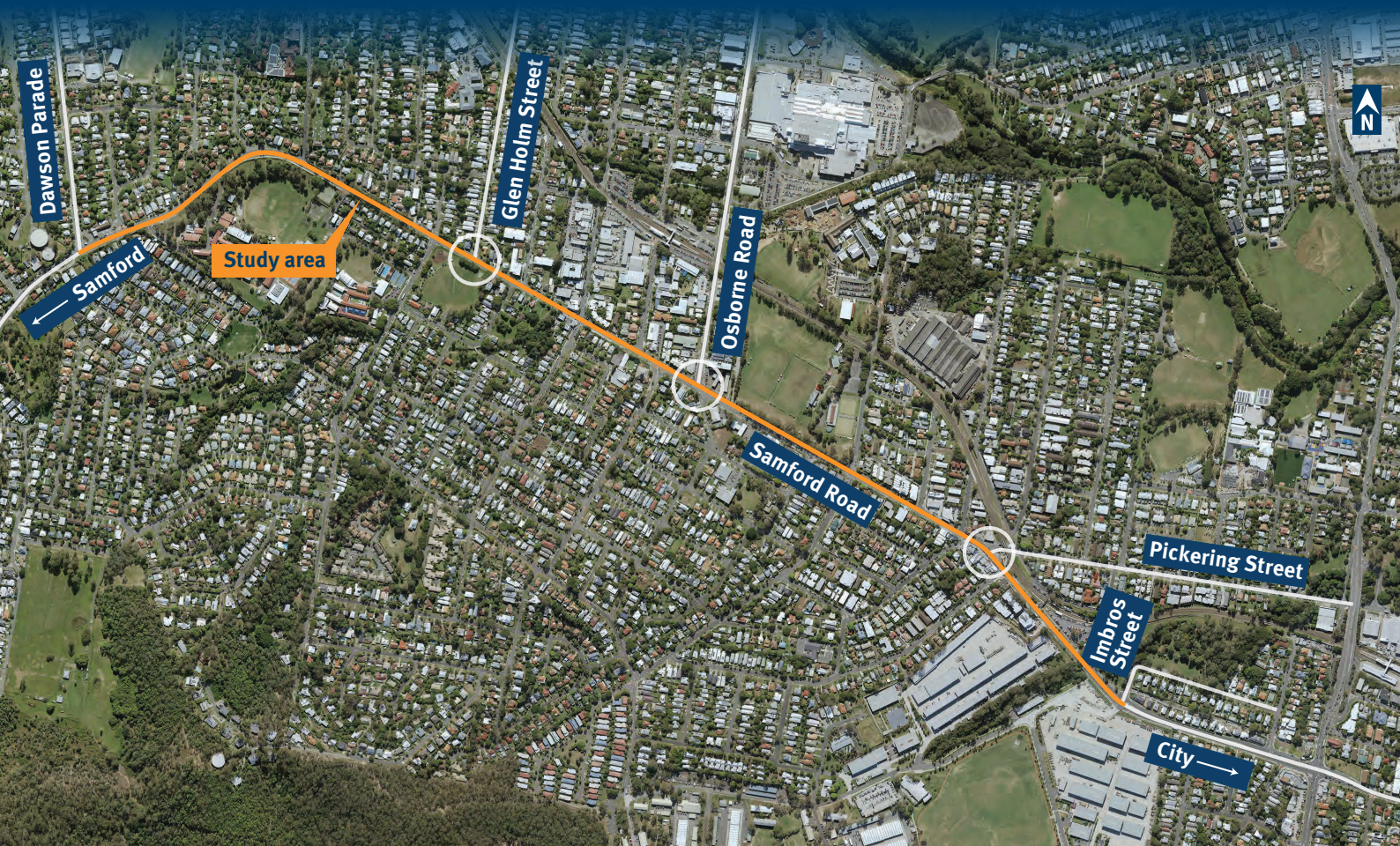
This community consultation report provides a summary of the community and stakeholder feedback from the consultation carried out to inform the business case for the proposed upgrades to Osborne Road and Glen Holm Street, Mitchelton. Feedback was also received on the Pickering Street works. This report provides information about the consultation process, feedback received and how this feedback is addressed.

## Project overview

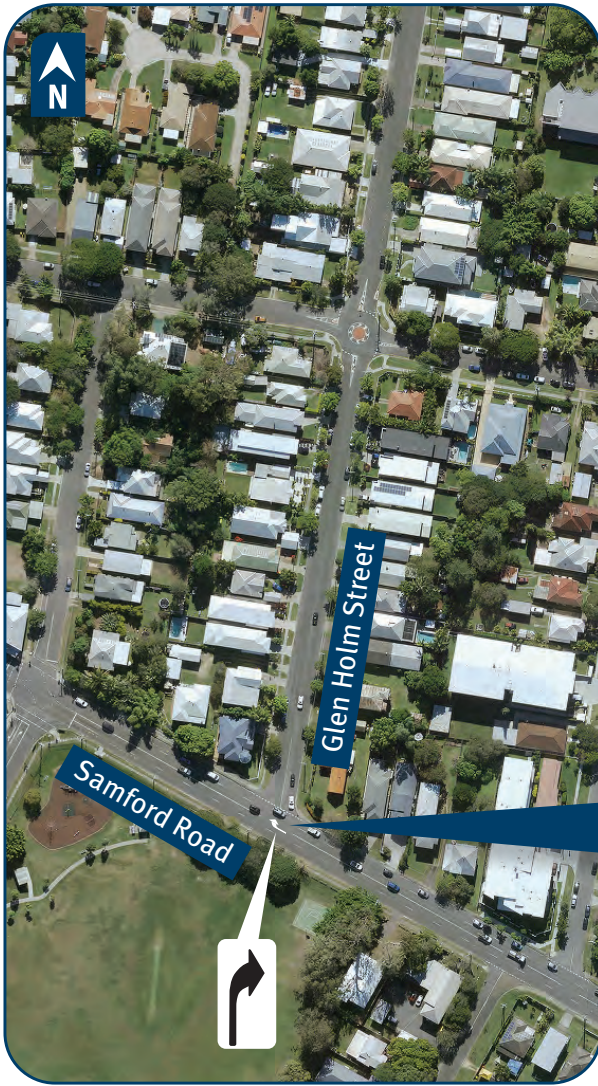
The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is improving key intersections along Samford Road to reduce road traffic congestion.

Samford Road has been experiencing considerable congestion, particularly during peak hours, and is an important road connecting the community to the western suburbs of Brisbane.

To improve safety and alleviate congestion for road users, TMR completed a planning study in late 2018 on Samford Road from Imbros Street, Enoggera to Dawson Parade, Keperra. The study investigated options to improve safety and through traffic movements at key intersections and recommended that intersection improvements be made to Pickering Street, Enoggera and Glen Holm Street and Osborne Road, Mitchelton.







## Glen Holm Street intersection

Glen Holm Street intersection has funding for \$6.5 million for works and is expected to commence construction in early 2022.

Proposed improvements include:

- installing unsignalised, right-turn lane (outbound) at the Glen Holm intersection
- minor pavement widening to provide short right-turn pocket on Samford Road (outbound) into Glen Holm Street
- reducing the likelihood of blocking the Samford Road (outbound) movements caused by vehicles extending past the right-turn pocket
- further community consultation will occur in early-mid 2021.

## Osborne Road intersection

Osborne Road intersection is in the planning phase and with a business case targeted for finalisation in early 2021. Further funding will be required for this intersection to progress to design development phase and construction.

Proposed improvements include:

- installing additional right-turn outbound lane at the Osborne Road intersection
- minor civil work treatments, including line marking, new signs and kerbing
- reducing the likelihood of blocking the Samford Road (outbound) movements reducing potential for blockages.



# Pickering Street intersection

Under the Safer Roads Sooner Program, \$380,000 funding was allocated for removing the right turn into Pickering Street.



Image captured in June/July 2019

The improvements include:

- signalisation of slip lane on Pickering Street for pedestrian safety
- removal of the right-turn pocket from Samford Road into Pickering Street
- optimisation of existing traffic signals
- minor civil work treatments, including line marking, new signs and kerbing
- high friction treatment on the inbound direction of Samford Road at this intersection.

These works commenced in July 2020 and were completed in mid-September 2020. TMR is also considering some modifications on Bere Street to discourage drivers from turning around at this intersection to improve safety.



# Project background

TMR undertook community consultation on the proposed improvements on Osborne Road and Glen Holm Street from 23 June to 31 August 2020. This consultation consisted of the following activities:

- fact sheet distributed to around 23,500 properties in the suburbs of Gaythorne, Mitchelton, Enoggera, Everton Hills, Arana Hills, Ferny Hills, Keperra, Upper Kedron and Ferny Grove
- web page with information about the projects, fact sheet and contact details
- feedback received via telephone, postal address and the Metropolitan Region email address
- phone calls and in-person meetings with business owners.

The Queensland Government has endorsed safety measures, including social distancing and limiting non-essential face-to-face contact with external stakeholders. Viable alternatives to traditional (face-to-face) channels currently exist within TMR, which has allowed for community consultation to continue via alternate channels.

## Consultation outcomes

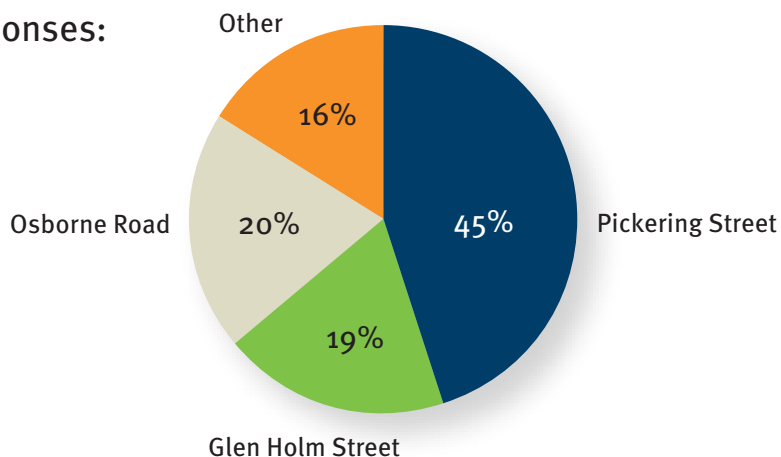
Total feedback responses received by TMR: 160



## Feedback broken down by project

Of the 160 responses received, the majority were received about the Pickering Street project. Some feedback submissions covered two or all intersections:

Percentage of responses:



# Key feedback themes

## Pickering Street intersection

### Key themes

- Pickering Street access and congestion is a major thoroughfare, make Pickering Street a permanent clearway (in both directions).
- Issue with diverting traffic away from Pickering Street into other side streets (Mott Street).
- The removal of Pickering Street right-turn will result in increased safety risk and higher accident rates at alternative locations.
- Alternate options are not safe.
- More information required about the traffic study to come up with these options for Pickering Street.
- The Pickering Street right-turn removal is appreciated. Particularly for seniors crossing the road.
- Agree with Pickering Street being removed, turn lane is too short and causes major congestion.
- Suggestion to install red-light cameras.
- Agree with stopping the right turn but the entire intersection is dangerous and needs major work.
- Install a 'keep clear' at the Bere Street from Samford Road to maintain access.



### Response to feedback

- Pickering Street right-turn removal has been completed.
- The planning study recommended removing the right-turn from Samford Road into Pickering Street to reduce the risk and severity of crashes, reduce the likelihood of damage to vehicles and infrastructure, improve traffic flow, and reduce congestion at the intersection.
- As Samford Road experiences heavy congestion, particularly during the afternoon peak, the traffic turning right into Pickering Street often blocks through traffic on Samford Road.
- TMR has a camera at the Pickering Street intersection to monitor traffic.

## Osborne Road intersection

### Key themes

#### Railway crossing issues

- Osborne Road needs a different solution for train crossing and merging into single lane.
- Issues with changes to Osborne Road as the level crossing is the issue and it is only single lane.

#### Operating hours

- Osborne Road will need 'no standing' signs installed during peak hours.
- Osborne Road will need to be designated as a clearway between 3.00pm and 7.00pm.



### Response to feedback

- Osborne Road is a council road, managed under the jurisdiction of Brisbane City Council (BCC). Feedback received from the community will be provided to Council for consideration to incorporate suggestions in future planning.
- Feedback received from the community indicates a preference for the removal of on street parking on Osborne Road. Provision of 'no standing' or clearway during peak hours is being investigated as part of the project scope.

## Glen Holm Street intersection



### Key themes

#### Environmental concerns

- Concerns about tree removal.

#### Safety and congestion

- Concerns about additional traffic and safety crossing for pedestrians and bicycle riders.
- Glen Holm Street will need an additional slip lane to accommodate the additional lanes.

### Response to feedback

- TMR proposes to mitigate potential social/environmental impacts on the periphery of Fenwick Park by replanting the same number (as a minimum) mature trees of a comparable species and canopy size to existing ones (as practical).
- Landscape improvements may also be provided to add to the usability and amenity of Fenwick Park.
- Further community consultation will occur in early to mid-2021.

- The works are to improve safety along the intersection and, especially for right turn from Samford Road into Glen Holm Street.
- Glen Holm Street is a Brisbane City Council street. Feedback received from the community will be passed on to Council for consideration to incorporate suggestions in their future planning.



## Additional issues

### Key themes

#### Peak hour concerns

- Solutions only seem to address afternoon peak hour, not the morning congestion.

### Response to feedback

- The planning study in 2018 identified that the afternoon congestion in peak hour solutions were cost-effective and could be implemented efficiently.
- Further upgrades to accommodate morning congestion during peak hour will need further investigation. This would involve consultation with targeted stakeholders to consider the planning and property impacts. Such investigations would also compete for funding against other government priorities.

#### Other Samford Road concerns

- Prospect Road
- Taylors Road
- Dawson Parade
- Blackwood Street
- Woolshed Street/England Road

- The planning study completed in 2018, investigated safety improvement opportunities from Imbros Street to Dawson Parade. The study recommended the highest priority intersections for improvement which were Pickering Street, Glen Holm Street and Osborne Road.
- Further upgrades on Samford Road may be investigated in the future, subject to the provision of funds, which are allocated according to competing priorities across the Queensland road network.
- Future investigations would involve consultation with targeted stakeholders to consider the planning and property impacts. Such investigations would also compete for funding against other government priorities.

#### Pedestrians and disability access

- Consider seniors when planning access to lights and bus stops.

- Considerations for vulnerable road users (e.g. senior citizens) are part of the design development for each of the improvement projects.
- Kerb ramps and wider footpath will be considered, where feasible.

## Consultation

#### Consultation process

- TMR is committed to keeping the community informed regarding the Samford Road Intersection Improvements Project.
- Consultation for Samford Road (Glen Holm Street and Osborne Road) was conducted in June–August 2020. The feedback received has been considered for final design.
- Further community consultation will occur in early to mid-2021.
- Pickering Street intersection construction was completed in September 2020. This outcome relieved congestion and improved safety for the intersection.

## Next steps

	<b>Dec 2019</b>	<b>Mid-July 2020</b>	<b>Mid-Sept 2020</b>
<b>Pickering Street</b>	Preconstruction complete ✓	Construction start ✓	Construction complete ✓
	<b>Late 2020</b>	<b>Late 2021</b>	<b>Early 2022</b>
<b>Glen Holm Street</b>	Preconstruction/ Detailed design development	Preconstruction complete	Construction start
	<b>Early 2021</b>		
<b>Osborne Road</b>	Preconstruction/ Detailed design development	Further funding required	



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TMR will keep the community up to date with the Samford Road Intersection Improvement Projects as the projects progress. Further consultation and community updates will be available in early 2021.

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