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1.	<p>Traffic congestion on roads around Reservoir – Windebanks Road/HV Drive intersection and roundabout at Chandlers Hill/HV Drive intersection and all intersections/roundabouts along Chandlers hill drive intersection.</p>	<p>These roads and intersections are under the care and control of the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT).</p> <p>An advocacy letter has been forwarded to DIT requesting them to consider black spot funding intersection upgrades.</p>
2.	<p>Main Road – Black Road to Clarendon – maintenance required This entire strip of road (state road) needs widening, clearing of vegetation, and consideration given to speed limits and allowing heavy vehicle access.</p> <p>Comments from Cr Eaton</p> <p><i>"We have recently written to the Department of Infrastructure and Transport seeing whether articulated vehicles should be excluded from this section and the upgrade of the road surface.</i></p> <p><i>I am also seeking some information from the RAA regarding their assessment on this section of road</i></p> <p><i>The width of the road, semi-trailers using it and it has been suggested that bicycles should not be ridden on it due to the continuous bends and vehicles having to cross double lines to get past them."</i></p>	<p>These roads and intersections are under the care and control of the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT).</p> <p>An advocacy letter has been forwarded to DIT requesting they consider improving the condition of the road in response to an EM Enquiry from Cr Eaton.</p>
3.	<p>Hub Shopping Centre needs facelift</p>	<p>This is a private area and the responsibility of owner</p> <p>The Aberfoyle Hub Shopping Centre Management advise that there are currently no investment or upgrade plans for this centre.</p> <p>Our Economic Development section have been speaking with the owners of the small shopping centre in Aberfoyle Park re their plans (The Park</p>

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		Shopping Centre on Canberra Drive) and we will advise if the owners plans progress. To date no formal DA applications have been lodged.
4	Stricter cat laws (like Adelaide Hills)	Some councils have sought to make cat containment mandatory, however it has been difficult to enforce. We have instead advocated for a consistent state-wide approach to cats to be brought into effect by the State Government, through amendments to the <i>Dog and Cat Management Act 1995</i>
5.	Double lane roundabout at Education and Chandler Hill Road intersection	These roads are under the care and control of the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT). We have written to DIT to provide traffic data and analysis and in turn potential plans for this roundabout.
6.	Footpath request on Pine Road, Woodcroft – doesn't need to be sealed just walkable	Pine Road is considered rural in nature. Our levels of service for footpath installation are defined in our Strategic Asset Management Plan, endorsed by Council in February 2021. This states that for rural roads, the road shoulder should be utilised as the footpath. There are some cases where off-road paths may be provided on rural roads, however these are constructed in conjunction with the Trails and Cycling Strategic Management Plan which does not identify Pine Road as a link in the network.
7.	Traffic congestion Sunnymead Drive – from the Church Comments from Cr Eaton <i>"In respect to the traffic congestion around the church on Sunnymead Drive it should be remembered that we spent considerable funds last year upgrading the junction of Hub Drive and Sunnymead Drive to deal with the traffic leading onto the schools off Campas Drive. That was all done to regulate the traffic and make it safer for the kids and their</i>	As per Cr Eaton's comments the Church is largely active on weekends and outside of weekday peak periods, impact on traffic volumes would not be significant to require any changes to the current road set up.

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	<i>parents dropping them off to the schools. You are never going to please all the people all of the time."</i>	
8.	Winns Road, Coromandel Valley – widening of road.	<p>Information recently supplied to Sam Duluk on the same query</p> <p>The road width and alignment on the northern side of the floodway is the responsibility of the City of Mitcham, who have advised that they do not wish to adjust the alignment due to geographic and vegetation constraints. They have provided an alternative upgrade to traffic devices in the form of signs and line-marking to improve safety at this location.</p> <p>We are supporting the City of Mitcham in their approach to ensure a consistent road environment on both approaches to the floodway structure which will also include sign upgrades, line-marking and any vegetation clearance as required on the Southern side of the floodway. The works will require both Mitcham Council and Onkaparinga Council to collaborate in determining a mutually appropriate time by which the works will be complete.</p> <p>At this stage we are proposing that the proposed works will be completed by the end of the year 2021.</p>
9.	Intersection of Glenloth and Chandlers Hill request for roundabout	<p>These roads are under the care and control of the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT). We have also attended a meeting with resident to address this request.</p> <p>We have written to DIT requesting consideration of black spot funding and intersection upgrade at this location.</p>

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10. Community Centre car park – turn into a bus exchange	We have forwarded this matter to our teams to consider as part of future planning for the area. We will undertake a site inspection and analysis and will advise the outcome by the end of June 2021.
11. Increase irrigation to all parks and reserves	<p>We currently provide irrigated turf around playground sites, memorials and gathering spaces such as picnics areas or where events are desirable activities. The amount of irrigated turf provided is determined by the usage of the space which is in most cases results in only a portion of a reserve being irrigated.</p> <p>We are in the 4th year of a 5-year program of increasing irrigated areas across Council by a total of 5 hectares. We have determined where by leveraging the Open Space Strategic Management Plan (OSSMP) which highlights a service level for the provision of irrigated turf near playgrounds, where possible.</p>
12. Better supervision of contractors doing, roads, footpaths and kerbs to ensure higher quality finishes	<p>Council’s construction team undertake daily management of Council’s capital work projects.</p> <p>Staff’s role includes management of contractors to ensure sites are managed safely, minimise impact on the community and deliver an agreed scope of work in a timely manner in accordance with contracted prices.</p> <p>Staff’s role includes identifying poor quality workmanship and ensuring this is rectified by contractors.</p> <p>Considering the volume of capital works delivered annually, it is uncommon to receive complaints about the quality of completed capital works projects.</p>

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	<p>If additional information could be provided about a specific project or concern, we would be happy to follow up.</p>
13. Abandoned shopping trolleys	<p>Information recently provided to Steve Murray</p> <p>Our waste services team attended the Hub Shopping Centre site on Thursday, 25 March 2021 and our street sweeper carried out a thorough clean of the council owned carparks, removed a small pile of dumped rubbish and reported a Coles shopping trolley to their store management for removal.</p> <p>We will continue to monitor the location and if shopping trolleys and litter are an ongoing concern, we will discuss control measures with the centre management.</p> <p>Council do not collect or remove shopping/supermarket trolleys. Residents can make a report of abandoned trolleys, please refer to https://trolleytracker.com.au/</p>
14. Footpath request – eastern side of Oakridge Road	<p>A footpath is currently installed along one side of Oakridge Road between Black Road and Homestead Drive. As Oakridge Road is classed as a distributor road in our road hierarchy, our service level is to provide a footpath on both sides of the street.</p> <p>To meet our service levels, we have a project in our Project and Capital Works program to install a second footpath along Oakridge Road, between Black Road and Homestead Drive. This project is considered a medium priority as the path will service a distributor road in a residential area and provide links to the surrounding open space and aged care facilities and minor public transport generators on Black Road. We anticipate construction of this footpath to be within the next five to ten years based on current funding allocations.</p>

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<p>15. Speed limit review – Oakridge Road Information from Cr Eaton</p> <p><i>"In relation to Oakridge Road, the speed limit is 50 kms in the area between Black Road and Homestead Drive. Up around 100 metres from Homestead Drive it changes to 80 km/h. When a comparison is undertaken with other rural roads in the area (Main Road and Cherry Gardens Road which have a 70 km limit) I am concerned. This section of road is quite steep, with some very sharp bends and does not have any speed advisory signs along it (unlike Main Road), although it does have sharp bend signs. The 50kms zone is consistent with other similar roads in the area such as Homestead Drive, Hub Drive and Sunnymead Road. I have had several EM enquiries in on this speed limit (as late as last week where I asked that we check to see what the Gazetted speed limit is). I recall that a few years ago the sign up from Homestead Drive had been hand painted over to show 80 kms and then a new sign was put in place some year's later showing the 80 km/p."</i></p>	<p>We have contacted DIT requesting a speed limit review for the 80km/h portion of Oakridge Road and will provide an update when a response is received.</p>
<p>16. Hoon driving – Hub Drive, Oakridge Road, Fog Tree Lane. Are traffic calming measures possible? Also, Sturt Approach and Swallow Drive.</p>	<p>We encourage residents to report any incidents of hoon driving and dangerous road behaviour to the South Australian Police (SAPol) Traffic Watch program by telephoning 131 444, or online via a webpage or a dedicated smartphone app (further details are on the SAPol website: https://www.police.sa.gov.au/online-services/traffic-watch2).</p> <p>This program provides SAPol with information on hoon drivers and repeat traffic offenders. Wherever possible, residents should provide details of the vehicle, the time and location of the event and a description of the concerning behaviour. Patrols may be dispatched immediately for urgent matters, whilst other reports are dealt with via</p>

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	<p>correspondence or added to traffic information files for monitoring potential repeat offenders.</p> <p>Addressing isolated incidents of hoon driver behaviour is difficult and impractical.</p> <p>We conduct traffic surveys to determine the speed and volume of vehicles on local roads and if speeds are considered unreasonable, we advise SA Police and can investigate traffic calming treatments. If traffic calming treatments are considered warranted, they are designed and costed. Proposed works will then be entered into our Projects and Capital Works and prioritised against other projects for consideration in future budgets.</p>
17.	Visibility exiting Hub Shopping Centre – Hub Drive
	This is privately owned access therefore we do not have jurisdiction over the land or access point.
18.	Request for slow signs Hub Drive
	We have forwarded this matter to our teams to consider as part of future planning for the area. We will undertake a site inspection and analysis and will advise the outcome by the end of June 2021.
19	Upgrade of parks/reserve York Drive and include BBQ and shelter. Consider nature play rather than grass.
	<p>York Drive reserve is currently classified as a 'Local Passive' Reserve. As per our endorsed Open Space Strategic Management Plan (OSSMP) there are no plans to upgrade/improve this reserve as it is currently meeting service levels.</p> <p>We encourage residents to utilise the nearby new playground location within the Flagstaff Hill sportsground.</p>
20.	Remove dead pine trees Hub Drive
	These trees will be inspected this week (10 May).

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	<p>If removal is required specialist equipment will be required for this location - which will be confirmed as part of the inspection. Works will then be scheduled for actioning.</p>
21. Footpath review in Aberfoyle park – not wide enough for gophers/disability access (review of all in suburb)	<p>Required footpath widths are identified in our Footpath Asset Management Plan and are based on the road hierarchy. This specifies the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Paths on local roads to be 1.2m wide- Paths on distributor and collector roads to be 1.5m wide- Paths on arterial and sub-arterial roads to be 1.8m wide <p>New footpaths are installed to meet the above service levels and footpath widening on existing paths is undertaken in conjunction with footpath renewal projects. The above levels of service ensure that our paths meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act.</p>
22. Footpath repairs – Hub Drive and Southbound Ave (review all)	<p>We have completed a condition audit of our pathway network throughout the City of Onkaparinga. There were several defects identified as part of this audit along Hub Drive and Southbound Avenue, Aberfoyle Park. The defects identified have been prioritised for repair according to the condition of the asset and risk of the defect and have been programmed for repair during the 2021-22 financial year.</p> <p>If there are any particular defects that you feel require urgent attention, please advise us of the exact locations and we will reinspect and add to the upcoming program if they meet the criteria for repairs.</p>
23. Request for bins to be installed next to dog dispensers (all dog dispensers of which I'm sure we have mapped for refilling etc).	<p>Public litter bin placement is assessed based on the location and the surrounding amenities, for example playground, picnic area, BBQ and public toilets. Other considerations include access for collection and WHS.</p>

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24.	Reduced site lines due to vegetation Swallow Drive (near Hilderstone Court).	<p>All dog parks within the City of Onkaparinga have bins in or near the park. Dog owners are expected to be responsible and dispose of their dogs' poo in an appropriate manner.</p> <p>If there is an area where residents believe there should be a public litter bin, we ask that they submit a public litter bin request via our Customer Relations team for assessment.</p> <p>Swallow Drive does not intersect with Hilderstone Court. Hilderstone Court intersects with Sturt Approach.</p> <p>Image 1 below taken on 3/5/21 shows the vegetation has been cut back to the edge of the footpath however this is insufficient to improve driver sight lines.</p> <p>We will contact the resident to prune up or remove vegetation, so driver sight lines are improved as Austroads Guide to Road Design Part 4A: Unsignalised and Signalised Intersections page 20 states that on a 50km/h road, for a general minimum driver reaction time of 2.0m/sec, a safe intersection site distance of 97m is required (123m for 60km/h).</p>

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25. Footpath request – southern side of Taylors Road (west) Aberfoyle Park – near bus stop.

Comments from Cr Eaton:

"I put this up with my budget bid for footpaths in Aberfoyle Park, particularly around Woodham Court and the lane way leading onto Taylors Road and Hamilton Drive. We have elderly people walking

Information recently provided to S Murray

Taylors Road is classified as a collector road in the road hierarchy. The footpath levels of service endorsed by Council through the Corporate Asset Management Plan specify that "major roads (arterial, distributor and collector roads) shall have a footpath on both sides of the road located away from the back of kerb where possible".

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around this area using walkers on the roadways as they have no footpaths."

Footpath request from residents of Stockland Retirement Village, Taylors Road (east) Aberfoyle park.

Comments from Cr Eaton:

"Where it connects with the various driveways leading into the retirement village there is normal kerbing creating a slip hazard for those using the footpath. We were considering funding footpaths on the other side of the roadway, but that was objected to by residents residing on that side of the roadway. Perhaps some of that money may be used to upgrade the footpath entrances for those in the retirement village."

Response

Through the 20/21 budget process a project to install a footpath on the northern side of Taylors Road was identified as a high priority as the path will:

- Service multiple pedestrian generators including the nearby school, aged care, open space and shopping facilities.
- Provide accessibility into several socially significant locations (Happy Valley Sports Park, the Hub shopping precinct and education facilities) for a large catchment of people living in eastern Aberfoyle Park.
- Provide network connectivity to several existing footpaths on Carrickalinga Boulevard, Tangara Drive, Hub Drive and the Field River Trail.
- Have a medium estimated volume of future users.

A petition was raised in objection to the proposed works and was tabled at the Council meeting held on 19 May 2020. However, this meeting was adjourned prior to the item being considered for resolution. The Council reconvened in continuance of the previous meeting on 26 May 2020, where the full scope of the project was subsequently approved to be included in the 2021-22 capital works budget and that the head petitioner be notified.

The head petitioner has now been notified of Council's decision and the project is scheduled to commence as part of our 2021-22 footpath Project and Capital Works program. The project cost is estimated to be approximately \$105,000 excluding GST, with no significant and/or regulated trees proposed to be removed as part of the works.

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26.	Request for upgrade of Main Road, Coromandel Valley ie. right hand turn lanes, pedestrian crossings – especially near the community centre.	These roads are under the care and control of the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT). We have written to DIT to provide traffic data and analysis and in turn potential plans for these roads.
27.	Bus stop access – steps only – no wheelchair access (no specific location but may be somewhere along Main Road, Coromandel Valley – no further clarity known)	Bus stop access infrastructure is largely under the care and control of the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT). We have written to DIT to advocate for improvements.