

Six Valletta and Floriana junctions to be rebuilt

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Six junctions in Valletta and Floriana are to be rebuilt ahead of the transport reform and the rebuilding of the entrance to Valletta.

The tender was issued by Transport Malta and calls for the provision of design services for six new junctions in Valletta and Floriana.



The roads that will be rebuilt are Lanca Street, St Mark Street, Mediterranean Street and East Street in Valletta and Great Siege Street, Sarria Street, Mall Street, Hannibal Scicluna Street and the Valletta Ditch in Floriana.

The rebuilding of these streets should facilitate the bus traffic flowing in and out of the Valletta terminus. Eventually, the terminus will also be rebuilt according to the plans of the new City Gate project.

The Valletta City Gate project will bring about a re-design of the connections between the Triton Fountain, the bus terminus area, the historic ditches on the sides of City Gate and the baroque city of Valletta.

The project includes the relocation of Parliament to Freedom Square, the restoration and the utilisation of the Opera House site as an open air theatre and the conversion of the ditches between St John Counterguard and St James Counterguard from a car park to landscaped gardens leading to the Freedom Square and Republic Street area above.

The planning application for the Valletta City Gate project was approved subject to the upgrade of the junctions, which were identified in the Traffic Impact Statement prepared in support of the planning application, states the tender document.

The plan makes way for less congestion in the area, which tends to accumulate traffic especially during rush hours. The Valletta bus terminus project will cost some €3.3 million.

The tender document can be viewed online on www.transport.gov.mt or picked from Transport Malta's administration department. Offers will be accepted until 6 August.
