Port Lincoln Intersections Safety Upgrade

Project Update

As part of the Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) program, the Australian and South Australian governments have jointly committed \$51.25 million (80:20) to deliver improvements to the Eyre Peninsula Road Network.

The program, delivered by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department), aims to deliver improvements to freight movements, road safety, amenity, connectivity and support regional economic growth. This funding includes the upgrade of four key intersections along the Lincoln Highway through central Port Lincoln.



Image: Port Lincoln upgrade locations

Project Objectives

The project aim is to improve road safety at the intersections, delivering road safety benefits for all users. The project addresses current issues with the existing roundabout layout and function:

- improving road safety for all road users at each intersection;
- improving pedestrian accessibility;
- maintaining existing road functionality as both a key freight route and main street; and
- meeting the objectives of the Port Lincoln Precincts Master Plan and other related plans.



What we heard

What you told us through the engagement aligns with the key outcome of the project - to improve road safety for all users at the intersections. The design development involved important input from the City of Port Lincoln team to inform the design outcomes and public realm improvements.

The project delivers on other important priorities for the City of Port Lincoln and the community including: a safer road environment for all users, improved accessibility for vulnerable users, minimal on-street car parking loss and enhanced amenity along the main street through central Port Lincoln.

Community Consultation Summary

The Department sought input throughout late 2022 from the community to help inform the design of the Port Lincoln Intersections safety upgrade. Feedback was sought via:

- an online 'Have Your Say' survey to understand the community's use of the intersections and safety concerns, of which 203 responses were received;
- distribution of 5,600 fact sheets detailing the proposed solution for local residents and businesses;
- the Department held four community drop-in sessions, which were attended by 50 people; and
- meetings were held with key stakeholder group representatives, including emergency services.

Online survey - key themes

As part of the engagement process, people were asked to rank what was most important to them. Road safety was ranked the highest.

Proposed Improvements

The project improves road safety by providing:

- typical roundabout layout with movements that are easily understood by all users;
- a single lane entry and exit (where possible) which will require the removal of the left turn lanes;
- reduced risk of incidents between all road users; and
- improved pedestrian accessibility and visibility with reduced crossing width.

The project will also improve public realm and amenity with new paved and landscaped areas.

The project improves amenity and aligns with the Port Lincoln Precinct's Master Plan by:

- balancing the movement of people and vehicle movements to improve amenity along the main street area;
- improving safety by calming traffic and reducing the pedestrian crossing distance;
- improving accessibility for more vulnerable users and for people of all ages and abilities; and
- facilitating development of public realm improvements in conjunction with the City of Port Lincoln.

Removing the left turn lanes is an important element of the project to achieve the road safety benefits. Given the close proximity of the roundabouts and changes to roundabout layout (including providing a single lane entry and exit where possible), it is not anticipated that this will result in any significant increase in travel times.



Concept plans of the four intersection upgrades

Lincoln Highway, Flinders Highway, Light Street and Hallett Place.



Lincoln Highway (Hallett Place), Adelaide Place and Liverpool Street



Lincoln Highway (Hallett Place), New West Road and Lewis Street.



Lincoln Highway (Hallett Place), Mortlock Terrace and Bligh Street.



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Liverpool Street Precinct

In alignment with the City of Port Lincoln Precincts Master Plan objectives, the project will contribute to transforming Liverpool Street into a thriving 'street for people'. This will be achieved by developing an environment that is attractive, functional and supportive of the business and retail environment, enhances public amenity and improves accessibility and safety to local community, civic, recreation, sporting areas and education facilities.

The improvements will include using suitable and aesthetically pleasant material for traffic islands and footpaths and allocating areas for increased greening, providing more space for Council to undertake landscaping.



Image: Adelaide Place Roundabout, Port Lincoln (existing)



Next steps

Major construction will commence in early 2024 and stakeholders will continue to be kept informed of progress. Every effort will be made to minimise the impact on surrounding businesses, residents, commuters and facilities during construction.

The Australian and South Australian governments have also announced \$4.5 million (80:20) to support upgrades to the intersection of Porter Street, Liverpool Street and Railway Place at the end of the Lincoln Highway. Further information on this upgrade will be shared in the coming months.



Image: Mortlock Terrace Roundabout, Port Lincoln (existing)

Keeping you informed

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