

TREASURER TOM KOUTSANTONIS

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\$3.5 million to upgrade Blackwood Roundabout

The State Government will fund a \$3.5 million upgrade of the Blackwood Roundabout in 2017-18 to significantly improve road safety, visibility and traffic flows.

The upgrade is aimed at reducing the risk of collisions and also cutting delays for the 30,000 vehicles which travel through the roundabout each day on average.

The Blackwood Roundabout is located at the junction of Main Road, Shepherds Hill Road, Coromandel Parade and Station Road in Blackwood.

Between 2011 and 2015 there were 35 crashes at the roundabout, seven of which involved casualties. Earlier this month the traffic hotspot was identified as the second highest priority intersection by members of the public in an RAA survey.

The Blackwood Roundabout upgrade will include road resurfacing, new line marking, lighting upgrades, improved visibility and improved capacity.

Background

An upgrade to the Blackwood Roundabout was recommended in the 2015 Road Management Plan developed for Main Road and Shepherds Hill Road.

The plan recommended making the roundabout bigger and changing the layout.

Detailed plans and construction schedules will be developed in 2017-18 in consultation with the community.

Already numerous infrastructure and safety upgrades have been delivered in the study area since 2006 including:

- Upgrades to intersections - including a \$609,000 upgrade to the Main Road, Penno Parade and Downer Avenue intersection in 2016-17.
- Other road upgrades - including \$525,000 resurfacing works between Belair and Laffers roads in 2015-16.
- Upgrades to public transport infrastructure.
- Speed limit reductions to 50km/h.
- A new pedestrian crossing near Russell Street.
- New pedestrian refuges.
- New bicycle lanes and upgraded bicycle infrastructure.

In addition, \$350,000 of asphalt resurfacing works are already scheduled for Coromandel Parade from the roundabout to Edgecumbe Parade. These works will

be undertaken in conjunction with the roundabout upgrade.

An upgrade of the Main Road, Sheoak Road and Russell Street intersection is also planned for future years.

Quotes attributable to Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis

This State Budget investment means that for the more than 30,000 people who travel through this roundabout every day, their journey will be safer, easier to navigate and they will face fewer delays.

This part of the Adelaide hills has seen significant development in recent years and it's important that our government continues to invest in the infrastructure to support that development.

Quotes attributable to Transport and Infrastructure Minister Stephen Mullighan

The State Government's record investment in transport infrastructure and maintenance projects not only makes our roads safer and more efficient, it also provides a pipeline of work for South Australians.

This project will improve make it easier for the motorists who use this intersection.

This \$3.5 million investment is in addition to the more than half-a-billion dollars the State Government is spending over four years on maintenance and safety upgrades across our arterial road network.

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