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## **MURRAY STREET STAGE 7 UPGRADE PROJECT – WORKS TO RECOMMENCE IN OCTOBER 2021.**

Construction of the final stage of Council's Murray Street Upgrade Project has been underway since April 2021 with the new stormwater infrastructure, kerb, gutters, footpaths and lighting all scheduled for completion at the end of this week. Pavement works are the next phase of the project and were originally scheduled for completion by the end of June 2021.

The community are advised that due to a stimulated road construction market and a current lack of availability of bitumen surfacing suppliers, a delay to the final pavement works will not see the project completed within the original program. The new pavement is now scheduled to be completed in October 2021.

Due to this delay, Council advises that the roadway currently under construction between the Gawler Mill Inn Bridge up to, and including, the Adelaide Road intersections with Tenth Street and Seventh Street will be made safe with temporary asphalt as an interim measure. These roads will be reopened with a reduced operating traffic speed environment of 40km/hr until the pavement surfacing sub-contractor is available to complete the new road surface in October 2021.

This delay is a result of the unprecedented increase in civil and construction works in the sector across the State, including road resealing projects, that have been funded by the various government economic stimulus programs' says CEO Henry Inat. 'People will have noticed in their travels the quantum of roadworks around the broader metropolitan and regional areas as the State and Local Governments implement stimulus funding associated with the COVID-19 economic recovery. Unfortunately, this has meant pavement contractors across the State are working at capacity, impacting on the ability of our contractor Outside Ideas CLC Pty Ltd, to deliver this project in a timely manner for the Council'.

Outside Ideas, as with Council, are committed to making the roadway safe during the temporary cessation of works.

Once the new pavement is completed, the final landscaping works will be undertaken and the project will be completed. 'This type of delay in a project is very unusual' says Mr Aaron Superina, Director Outside Ideas CLC Pty Ltd, 'We are working with Council and our sub-contractor to ensure that the project is successfully delivered despite the delay.'

Mr Inat added "I expect the community to be frustrated by this 3 month delay as are we in Council. We undertook due diligence in appointing Outside Ideas for this project, including ensuring they could deliver the project by the end of June. Once Council staff became aware of this issue, we exhausted all avenues to ensure this project could have been delivered in a timely manner. However the road sealing industry is saturated at present in South Australia and there is little more we can do, we are caught between a rock and hard place under any possible scenario."

Variable message boards and social media will be used to inform the public in advance of the pavement works when they recommencing on this project. The pavement and landscaping works are expected to take three weeks (weather permitting) during which traffic control measures will be in place, including some night works that will be scheduled to reduce the impact of the main pavement works on traffic.

These works are the final stage of Council's upgrade of Murray Street, in the Town Centre, which started in 2012 and has thus far delivered improvements from Lyndoch Road to the Gawler Mill Inn Bridge.

This final stage of Murray Street upgrades has a project budget of \$1.78M allocated. Council has received significant funding assistance towards the Project with \$854,000 from the State Government's Special Local



Roads Program and \$463,000 from the Australian Government's Heavy Vehicles Safety and Productivity Program.

Council would like to take this opportunity to thank both the State and Federal Governments for their financial contributions to the Project.

Should community members have any specific enquiries they can email [council@gawler.sa.gov.au](mailto:council@gawler.sa.gov.au) or call Customer Service on 8522 9211

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