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<u>Lyndoch Road and High Street Intersection – Black Spot Upgrade underway</u>

Construction of the Lyndoch Road and High Street Intersection Upgrade is due to commence in mid-May and is anticipated to be finished in mid-2021.

The objectives of the intersection upgrade are to improve the safety for right turn vehicles into High Street, and to increase pedestrian safety across Lyndoch Road and High Street. This project is funded entirely from the Australian Government's Black Spot Program, with its design and delivery being managed by the Town of Gawler.

[A design overview of the extent of works is attached to this media release]

The Project will include the following works:

- 1. Road realignment and safety improvements around the intersections of Lyndoch Road and High Street.
- 2. Upgrades to pedestrian & traffic islands.
- 3. Upgrades to line marking.

The Council has recently awarded a contract for these works to Kent Civil Pty Ltd.

"I am pleased to see this project commence and improve the safety of this busy intersection in our Township. We are grateful for the financial support from the Australian Government through the Black Spot Program for this project. These works complement further road safety improvements being made in the final stage of the Murray Street Stage 7 project currently underway - underlining our ongoing commitment to making the Township a safer place to work, visit and stay." said Mayor Redman

Traffic restrictions and detours will be in place along with signage and traffic controllers to alert motorists of the changed traffic conditions, helping to guide them around the work zone. Lyndoch Road will remain open to two-way traffic at all times during the day, notably with reduced speed limits.

Short term road closures of High Street will occur with detours in place during that time. Where possible, commuters are advised to seek alternative routes to avoid any delay due to the roadworks.

Variable Message Sign (VMS) trailers have already been deployed in this area to provide advance warning to motorists. Council staff and Kent Civil will make every effort to ensure that interruption is kept to a minimum during the construction period.

Businesses along Lyndoch Road and High Street will remain "Open for Business" during this time and your continued support through these works is important. Supporting local business and minimising traffic congestion is a project focus for Council Staff and the Kent Civil Project Team.

"The project responds to road safety concerns with this intersection and has been carefully planned to ensure that it is staged in a manner which minimises impacts to traffic congestion and businesses as much as possible," said Council's CEO, Mr Henry Inat. "Council really does appreciate your patience during this time."

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

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