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Media Statement

Mount Barker Road Network

Following comments received as part of the recent MARKYT Community Scorecard and through social media about Flaxley and other roads in the district, Council is pleased to provide an update on the ongoing efforts to improve the traffic conditions and overall functionality of the Mount Barker road network.

Flaxley Road is a Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) corridor and Council understands that the Department is currently in the process of corridor planning. This planning will address the various concerns raised by the community and work towards improving the road conditions to meet the needs of the growing population.

Separate to the Department's planning, Council has taken proactive measures by commissioning consultants to develop concepts for landscape entry treatments. Whilst these concepts won't assist functionality of the road itself, they will inform corridor planning for amenity improvement and positioning of non-road assets such as trees, vegetation, pathways and to an extent storm water management.

In addition, Council's transport planning process will likely identify the Hurling/Flaxley intersection as a priority that we will continue to advocate for improvement as part of the Flaxley Road corridor planning. Additionally, Council will continue to advocate to the State Government to fast-track solutions to ensure the timely completion of Heysen Boulevard along with other major projects on State roads including the Mawson, Battunga, Nottage intersection at Meadows.

Moreover, the Council is currently progressing planning, design and delivery of a number of local road projects including:

- Bollen Road upgrade design
- Hartmann and Alexandrina Road intersection design
- Paech Road concept design
- Nottage Road, Meadows upgrade
- Darnley Street and Baker Street school crossing in Littlehampton
- Old Mount Barker road road safety improvements
- Hawthorn Road road safety upgrade

Council is committed to ensuring the effective and efficient development of transport infrastructure in our community. We will continue to work closely with the Department

for Infrastructure and Transport and other relevant stakeholders to see better outcomes for our community. This includes the Mount Barker and Adelaide Hills Transport Study which is the South Australian Government's commitment to examine key transport issues impacting the growth of Mount Barker and the Adelaide Hills region and the \$150 million Adelaide Hills Productivity and Road Safety Package which includes a range of road improvements to support economic growth, improve road safety and increase fire resilience in the Adelaide Hills.

Community members are encouraged to reach out to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport with any concerns or queries they may have about Flaxley Road and other State Government roads.

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