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Joint Media Statement

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Oaklands Crossing on Track

Adelaide's crucial Oaklands Crossing project will proceed following agreement between the Commonwealth and South Australian governments along with the local council.

Minister for Urban Infrastructure Paul Fletcher announced today that the Australian Government had agreed to provide an additional \$55 million investment to the \$174.3 million project, bringing the total federal commitment to \$95 million.

The Australian Government's \$55m contribution and the State Government's \$74.3m contribution will both be funded from savings made from North-South Corridor projects.

"Today's announcement delivers on a 2016 election commitment and follows tireless advocacy by the Federal Member for Boothby, Nicolle Flint," Mr Fletcher said.

"Pleasingly, we have now agreed funding for Oaklands Crossing with the South Australian Government, as well as the City of Marion, and we are progressing this critical project."

South Australian Premier Jay Weatherill said the South Australian Government had now given the green light to provide a \$74.3 million contribution to the project.

"With the convergence of two major roads through the crossing, traffic volumes are currently 42,000 vehicles per day, and are expected to grow to 66,000 by 2031, further exacerbating congestion," Mr Weatherill said.

"This critical upgrade will ensure easier and safer access to the nearby State Aquatic Centre, along with other retail, leisure and health facilities, addressing longstanding concerns from the local community over the intersection."

South Australian Minister for Transport and Infrastructure Stephen Mullighan said the new rail underpass would extend 400 metres to the east and west of Oaklands Crossing.

"By separating the Oaklands rail crossing from the roads, we will significantly improve travel times for motorists who spend almost a quarter of the time during peak periods waiting at the boom gates," Mr Mullighan said.

"I am very pleased to have been able to successfully negotiate this agreement to deliver this important upgrade, which will also deliver a 160 metre long platform which will cater to longer trains as patronage continues to increase on the Seaford line."

Federal Member for Boothby Nicolle Flint said the upgrade would involve building a new rail underpass and modifying nearby intersections to remove the bottleneck.

“We are now undertaking planning works and will look at how we can harness private sector investment toward the project through value capture development opportunities,” Ms Flint said.

“The next step on this project will see finalisation of the design and layout of the upgrade.”

City of Marion Mayor Kris Hanna reinforced the City of Marion’s commitment to fixing the longstanding local bottleneck.

“City of Marion has committed \$5 million toward the project funding, and with both the federal and state governments coming to the party, we hope to see construction on the upgrade get underway in the first half of 2018,” Mayor Hanna said.

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