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Safer Pedestrian Crossings for Middleton & Goolwa

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Great news for the Middleton and Goolwa communities!

Following years of advocating for safer pedestrian crossings in our communities, the State Government, Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT), will fund four (4) pedestrian crossings and Council will undertake the project management to deliver the construction works.

The funding of \$380,000 provided under the Inner and Middle Adelaide Cycling Improvement Program, will support Council to construct three (3) pedestrian refuge crossings on Goolwa Road, Middleton, and one (1) pedestrian crossing facility at the intersection of Hays Street and Porter Street, Goolwa.

The funding will support construction of the three pedestrian refuge crossings in Middleton and will include kerb ramps, handrails on both sides of the road and a centre refuge. The Goolwa crossing facility will include kerb buildouts and ramps on both sides of Hays Street, with an aim to reduce pedestrian crossing distance. Both projects will also involve upgrades to signage, street lighting and line marking.

This exciting news will be welcomed by the Middleton and Goolwa communities as pedestrian safety has been a top priority for them, especially during the busy holiday periods. The crossings will certainly provide additional safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and road users.

Alexandrina Council's Chief Executive Officer Nigel Morris said, "the safety of the community is paramount, and the new crossings will be a game-changer for Middleton.

We are thrilled that DIT is further funding the Goolwa pedestrian crossing on Hays Street, Goolwa. Pedestrian movement in this area is particularly busy during peak summer periods, market days and during events held in the Goolwa Wharf Precinct."

Alexandrina Council's Mayor, Keith Parkes said, "we have been advocating for a number of years for these much-needed pedestrian crossings, the bonus is it's costing Council nothing, with the State Government providing the funding for this important project".

Public consultation was undertaken in June 2021, and we thank all those that supported Council in its advocacy of these crossings, particularly the Middleton Town & Foreshore Association.

It is expected that construction work will commence late 2023. Project updates can be found at **www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/projectupdates**

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Figure 1 – Middleton Pedestrian Crossing Locations, Goolwa Road



Figure 2 - CEO, Nigel Morris and Mayor Keith Parkes at Hays Street, Goolwa