

## MEDIA RELEASE

# Green light and timetable for two new pedestrian crossings for Middleton

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Great news for Middleton! The construction of two new pedestrian refuge crossings planned for the town's main street is now set to start in February 2024 with completion soon after in March.

Early in 2023 it was announced that following years of advocating for safer pedestrian crossings in our communities, the State Government through the Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) would fund four (4) pedestrian crossings up to \$380,000 and Council would undertake the project management to deliver the construction works.

The funding provided under the Inner and Middle Adelaide Cycling Improvement Program was to support Council in constructing 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.

Following a competitive tender process, it was found that the \$380,000 would only be able to fund two of the four crossings. Based on Community feedback on priority crossings, Council in discussions with DIT has agreed that the funding can be allocated to construct two (2) pedestrian refuge crossings on Goolwa Road near the Middleton Tavern and the IGA supermarket in Middleton. See crossing locations 1 and 3 indicated in the image below.



*Image: Proposed pedestrian refuge crossing locations for Middleton. See [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/projectupdates](https://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/projectupdates)*



The funding will now support the construction of pedestrian refuge crossings which include kerb ramps, handrails on both sides of the road and a centre refuge.

DIT has confirmed that additional funding may be considered in future funding rounds for the additional two crossings, a third in Middleton, near the Middleton Arts and Crafts Community Centre, and one at the intersection of Hays Street and Porter Street, Goolwa.

“Goolwa Road running through the main street of Middleton is a State Government Road and Council has been advocating DIT for a number of years to fund three pedestrian refuge island crossings in the main street, and one in Goolwa, to improve pedestrian safety,” Alexandrina Council’s Chief Executive Officer Nigel Morris said.

“Whenever I attend the Middleton Town and Foreshore Association (MTAFA) Community Meetings, I am always asked two questions, when is Middleton finally going to get their pedestrian crossings and when is Middleton going to get a road bypass? It is great to be able to provide a timetable on the pedestrian crossings and now the pressure will be on for the bypass. Traffic and pedestrian safety are always a major concern for the Middleton Community.

“After receiving construction costings, DIT this week confirmed with Council that they will fund two Pedestrian Refuge Island crossings at a cost of \$380,000 in Middleton.

“DIT has advised that two additional Pedestrian Refuge Island crossings will be considered in future grant funding rounds.

“The proposed designs are for Pedestrian Refuge Islands only and not Zebra-type Crossings so they should not disrupt traffic flow.

“We will continue to strongly advocate for the additional two pedestrian crossings, one in Middleton and one in Goolwa.”

It is expected that construction work will commence early in 2024. Project updates can be found at **[www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/projectupdates](http://www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/projectupdates)**

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