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\$30 million for stage two of the Golden Grove Road upgrade and key intersection upgrades

In a victory for people in Adelaide's north east, the Marshall Liberal Government is delivering on an important election commitment to upgrade 3.4 kilometres of Golden Grove Road, with \$30 million allocated in the upcoming State Budget for stage two of the project along with key intersection upgrades.

Stage two will support around 70 full time equivalent jobs per year and provides job security and certainty for those who've been involved in stage one.

Premier Steven Marshall said creating jobs, backing local business and building what matters is a key focus in this year's budget.

"This has been an extremely difficult year for all economies, South Australia's included, but we have a strong plan to keep South Australians in jobs and also build what matters for our state," Premier Marshall said.

"The people of the north east have been crying out for a solution to the Golden Grove Road for years and it's fantastic to be delivering what the local community needs."

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Corey Wingard said this project forms part of the Marshall Government's commitment to roll out job-creating projects that are shovel ready.

"Not only will stage two of this project improve traffic flow helping motorists get home faster and safer it's also offering job security for dozens of South Australians," Minister Wingard said.

"Through this project we are supporting a great local business in Catcon who've successfully delivered stage one and will now start immediately on stage two.

"Stage one was worth \$20 million and supported 65 full time equivalent jobs – and has delivered excellent outcomes for families in the north east."

Along with stage two, intersections along the O-Bahn route will also be upgraded allowing buses faster access from Tea Tree Plaza to Golden Grove and quicker accessibility for residents wanting to use the service.

The North East Public Transport Study (NEPTS) identified the need for improvements to O-Bahn bus services in the area and determined that intersection upgrades with dedicated bus 'jump lanes' were the preferred option and will reduce travel time for commuters.

The NEPTS also highlighted that an extension of the dedicated O-Bahn was a sub-optimal outcome for the community, would require the demolition of 41 homes and 290 trees, and with a price tag of more than \$250 million, was not good bang for the taxpayer's buck.

Designs have already commenced for Grenfell Road/Golden Grove Road, Milne Road/Golden Grove Road and North East Road/Modbury Avenue/Golden Grove Road.

Golden Grove Road Upgrade project stage two involves upgrades between Park Lake Drive to Kunzea Way including;

- Golden Grove Road/The Grove Way/ Yatala Vale Road signalised intersection upgrade with
 - Second right turn lane from The Grove Way approach
 - Second through lanes on Golden Grove Road approaches
- protected right turn lane at Highgrove Road junction;
- on-road bike lanes in each direction;
- kerb and gutter, drainage, road resurfacing, as well as new and upgraded road lighting.
- improved pedestrian facilities including new footpath and pedestrian crossing facilities; and
- indented bus bays.

Works on stage two will begin this week.