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Port Wakefield Overpass and Duplication Project to get bigger and better

The Marshall Liberal Government is delivering an expanded Port Wakefield Overpass and Duplication Project to deliver better traffic and road safety outcomes.

The expanded project will be delivered for \$122.5 million and support 95 jobs per year over the life of the project.

The new expanded project scope includes;

- Two lanes in each direction through the Port Wakefield Township with provisions for safe U-turn movements.
- A realigned dual carriageway through the Port Wakefield Township, allowing for increased parking and landscaping opportunities, as well as safer vehicle and pedestrian movements. This will make it safer to build and reduce disruption to motorists during construction.
- A realigned Balaklava Road intersection with the Port Wakefield Highway, allowing for safer turn movements.
- New bridges across the Wakefield River.
- A new two-lane overpass for traffic traveling southbound from the Copper Coast Highway to Port Wakefield, and for traffic travelling along the Augusta Highway to the Copper Coast Highway.
- The new overpass will remove all hazardous at-grade turn movements at the intersection of the Port Wakefield Highway, Copper Coast Highway and Augusta Highway.

“South Australians have been waiting decades for the notorious ‘crash corner’ at Port Wakefield to be fixed and the Marshall Government is delivering an even bigger and better solution,” said Minister Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government Stephan Knoll.

“This dangerous intersection has claimed too many lives and unfortunately we’ve had more fatalities at this intersection this year.

“That’s why it is so important we get this project right the first time and have expanded the scope of this project to address even more safety concerns.

“Following detailed design work and consultation with the local community, the project has been expanded to include a two-way overpass and other safety improvements.

“Importantly, this new design will remove all hazardous at-grade turn movements of the Port Wakefield Highway, Copper Coast Highway and Augusta Highway.

“The Marshall Government is building regional roads, communities and support regional jobs after they were neglected for 16 years under Labor.”

Major construction works are expected to begin in 2020, with completion expected in 2022.