

Hon Corey Wingard MP Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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Intersection upgrade to activate Norwood retail precinct

Relief is in sight for Norwood traders and residents with the Marshall Liberal Government delivering on its election commitment to enable construction of a scramble crossing at the intersection of The Parade and George Street.

The much needed upgrade will improve safety and amenity for pedestrians and commuters, ensuring The Parade continues to be one of Adelaide's premier suburban retail and entertainment precincts.

The Government has committed \$330,000 towards the project, which will be delivered by local traders representing Norwood Place and the Parade Coles precinct upgrade.

It will include enhanced road treatments through the provision of dedicated right turn lanes on The Parade improving access to and from local businesses by enabling right turn movements during peak periods.

Initial proposals considered a ban on right turns into George Street from The Parade, however through additional feedback from retailers, right turns will now be maintained, while maintaining two through lanes.

This will provide greater community benefit, improved traffic flows and ongoing access to businesses in the precinct.

Local member for Dunstan and Premier Steven Marshall said it is great to be delivering this election commitment.

"As a resident and the local member I'm all too aware of the bottleneck at this intersection," the Premier said.

"At the election we committed to a scramble crossing which will improve safety and convenience for both pedestrians and drivers.

"By installing dedicated right hand turn lanes we ensure continuing accessibility for shoppers and residents. It's a win win solution."

Minister for Transport and Infrastructure Corey Wingard said the project will also improve safety.

"The design will allow pedestrians to cross in every direction, including diagonally, at the same time," Minister Wingard said.

"Scramble crossings are already used with great effect and success in the Adelaide CBD and will make the area more pedestrian friendly."

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport will continue its work with local traders and the City of Norwood Payneham and St Peters to deliver the project including;

- Signalised scramble pedestrian crossing
- Additional right turn lanes from The Parade into George Street (south and northbound), while maintaining two through lanes along Norwood Parade
- Line marking, updated signalling and other upgrades

Spero Tsapaliaris, Co-Owner of Norwood Place which includes Foodland, said it's a great outcome for local businesses and residents that will provide safe, easy access to what is one of Adelaide's most popular retail precincts.

"The intersection of George Street and The Parade is the primary access point for the main carparks servicing shoppers so anything that improves traffic flow will be welcomed by the community," Mr Tsapaliaris said.

Pep Rocca whose company Australasian Property Developments is undertaking the Coles redevelopment lauded the decision as a win for retailers, shoppers and local residents.

"It's great to see both sides of The Parade working in partnership with Government to deliver these much-needed improvements."

Works are expected to commence in early 2021 with completion due in the first half of 2021, weather permitting.