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MURRAY STREET UPGRADE STAGE 6 CONTRACT AWARDED

Council is pleased to announce that BMD Constructions has been engaged to deliver the Murray Street Upgrade Stage 6 in Gawler. The upgrade includes strengthening works to the Gawler Mill Inn Bridge as well as road, footpath, lighting and traffic signal upgrades through the Julian Terrace and Murray Street South intersections. The project is being jointly funded through the Australian Government's Bridges Renewal Programme (\$660K), the State Government administered Special Local Roads Program (\$600K) and Council (\$2.45M).

"Council has already delivered five stages of upgrades to Murray Street incorporating improved drainage, new kerbs, gutters, footpaths, street furniture and landscaping as well as improved pedestrian safety with median crossing points," said Mayor Redman. "The next stage is arguably the most important as it prepares a heritage asset for future generations. This project delivers vital strengthening and safety upgrades to the bridge making it compliant with current standards and ensuring that it caters for the needs of our community for the next 100 years and beyond."

The project is a key component of the Gawler Community Plan 2017-2027 and Town Centre Urban Design Framework as it creates a more efficient and safer transport, traffic and pedestrian network in the main street of Gawler. The project will also improve various modes of transportation and promote regional economic development by improving amenity and accessibility of the Town Centre and business precinct.

The Murray Street Stage 6 works include:

- Pavement, stormwater, kerb and gutter, street lighting, footpaths, medians, line marking and signage upgrades
- Julian Terrace intersection upgrade including renewed traffic lights
- Improved safety for pedestrians, cyclists and traffic across the Gawler Mill Inn Bridge and via dedicated pedestrian crossing points
- Improved landscape character into the Gawler Town Centre
- Bridge strengthening, safety improvements and general refurbishment to ensure it remains functional and supports the existing and growing road freight and traffic movement into Gawler and the region.

"Roadworks and traffic restrictions of any kind can have a negative impact on local businesses and residents," said Mayor Redman. "With the Gawler Mill Inn Bridge being such a significant entrance point for Gawler's main street, these impacts have been a key focus in planning the works. The works program has been designed to minimise the local impacts wherever possible and Council will be working with the community to ensure all issues are managed and everyone is kept informed about the project's construction."

Works will commence in mid-October 2018 with construction to be completed by April 2019.

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