

# Frequently Asked Questions

## What is the Murray Street Upgrade Stage 6 project?

The Murray Street Upgrade Project is a key component of Council's Community Plan & Town Centre Urban Design Framework for creating an efficient and safer transport, traffic and pedestrian network in the main street of Gawler. To date five (5) stages of this project have been delivered on Murray Street commencing at its intersection with Lyndoch Road.

The project will improve various modes of transportation and promote regional economic development by improving amenity and accessibility of the Town Centre and business precinct.

The Stage 6 project aims to provide:

- A safer and more efficient traffic, pedestrian and cycling environment.
- Improve various modes of transportation with the aim of discouraging freight through the Town Centre.
- Landscaping incorporating water sensitive urban design features.
- Upgrade to the Gawler Bridge (ensuring the local heritage character is preserved) to meet future growth of the Town Centre.
- A character entry statement into the Gawler Town Centre

Further details about the project's design and key features can be found at: [www.gawler.sa.gov.au/murray-street-upgrade](http://www.gawler.sa.gov.au/murray-street-upgrade)

## How much does the project cost?

The Council has allocated \$3.71 million to delivering the continuation of the Murray Street Upgrade project from the intersection at Murray Street South through to Julian Terrace as well as an upgrade of the Gawler Mill Inn Bridge.

This project is being delivered with the assistance of the Federal Government's Bridge Renewal Program (\$660,000) and the State Government's Special Local Roads Program (\$600,000).

## What work is being undertaken as part of the project?

The Murray Street Upgrade project occurs from the intersection at Murray Street South through to Julian Terrace, and including the upgrade to the Gawler Mill Inn Bridge.

It will involve the following road and bridge works;

- New road pavement, stormwater drainage, lighting, footpaths, medians, line marking, and signage
- Signalised intersection upgrade at Julian Terrace
- Improved pedestrian crossing points
- Landscaping
- Upgrades and remedial works to the bridge including strengthening, new crash barriers, and general maintenance

The Gawler Mill Inn bridge upgrade is essential part of the Murray Street project that will enable it to be remain safe, functional, and support the existing and growing road freight and traffic movement into the future for Gawler and the region.

### **When will the works commence and how long will the works go for?**

The Murray Street Upgrade project is a complex project and involves undertaking works in a very busy location. The works have been programmed to be staged to manage impacts on traders, businesses, building owners and other stakeholders as well as the wider community.

The works are scheduled to commence in mid-October 2018 and continue through to April 2019. Works will occur at night also at key locations to minimise the impact on the Township.

No works will be undertaken over the Christmas and New Year Holiday period.

The work is being undertaken by BMD Constructions.

### **Will there be any traffic, footpath, parking and property access restrictions?**

Planning this project's construction requires careful consideration of the need to maintain an appropriate level of access in, out and along Murray Street and adjoining side roads, as well as consideration of the limited space Murray Street has available in which to do the construction work.

The construction will generally include:

- Demolition of road and footpaths
- Construction of new road and footpaths
- Stormwater works including kerbs, underground pipes and pits, and collection points
- Tree installation and irrigation
- Upgrading the traffic signal infrastructure
- Installation of new line marking, signage and street furniture
- Upgrades to the Gawler Mill Inn Bridge
- Traffic restrictions and Fencing of construction areas for safety.

Given the busy nature of Murray Street, the construction works will have some impact on businesses, services and people that use the adjoining roads. The works will be undertaken during the day and at night and will create some access limitations to pedestrians and vehicles. They are likely to be noisy at times within normal industry standards.

It is a priority to manage construction staging efficiently and in a timely manner, while managing disruption to businesses and properties on Murray Street and adjoining side roads.

The project's construction will require multiple stages of works, speed limit and lane restrictions, traffic deviation arrangements at certain times of the day, side road closures, footpath closures and detours, and some parking restrictions.

In addition, some activities such as new stormwater construction and new road construction, will be required to be undertaken only at night so that traffic can continue to use the road during the day and business impacts from accessibility, noise and vibration are minimised.

Regular updates will be provided to traders, businesses, building owners and other stakeholders as construction progresses, with direct contact made with those most affected. These updates will include information about upcoming construction and changes to access so that any necessary information can be communicated to customers, suppliers or providers.

### **How will noise, vibration and dust be managed during construction?**

The Murray Street Upgrade Team is making every effort to manage the impact of noise, vibration and dust on the community.

Constructing a complex project in a very constrained environment surrounded by residents, businesses and traffic is challenging for all.

The construction techniques required are unavoidably noisy and create vibration and dust at times. These impacts cannot be eliminated altogether, but there are a range of measures to manage them.

Construction will involve digging up road and pavement and saw cutting pavement. Plant machinery also has reversing 'beepers' for the safety of workers and members of the public. To manage noise and vibration BMD will:

- Maintain machinery to a high standard to reduce noise level
- Use low noise reversing squawker instead of traditional beeper
- Minimise the number of vehicle movements through planned materials handling.

Whilst dust cannot be completely eliminated during construction, every effort will be made to minimise dust using measures such as:

- Water to dampen down stockpiles of loose building materials such as sand
- Resealing areas that are trafficked by pedestrians and vehicles
- Monitoring machinery emissions
- Covering / damping down materials in transport
- Removing loose dirt from construction equipment
- Frequently using street sweepers
- Inspecting public areas for spilt material and cleaning up promptly
- Limiting construction activities on windy days.

To minimise the impact of dust on your shop, business or premises you can:

- Close doors where possible
- Put draft blockers under your doors
- Regularly clean out air conditioner filters.

### **How will waste and recycling collection be managed?**

The Town of Gawler waste collection services will continue as normal. The location of collection points will move during construction according to where works are being carried out. The Contractor BMD Constructions will discuss the collection points with traders, businesses, building owners and stakeholders to ensure that the services are maintained.

Murray Street traders and tenants who are directly affected by the works should discuss any private waste collection services directly with their providers. BMD Constructions will provide regular updates to traders and tenants on any changes to access as the construction progresses and work with them to ensure their waste can be collected during construction.

### **How will nearby traders, business and building owners be supported during construction?**

We will work with traders, businesses, building owners and other stakeholders directly impacted by the project in the lead-up and during construction to manage the impacts.

Working closely with traders and businesses we will develop strategies to maintain their profile during construction and assist them to communicate to their customers, clients and passers-by that the area is 'open for business'.

Examples of the types of support that may be provided include targeted advertising, 'open for business' and directional signage, information to upload to websites or directly email/text to existing trader/business client and customer databases.

The Project Team is committed to managing the impacts on you during construction by:

- Providing you with early notice of upcoming construction prior to works commencing
- Listening to your feedback, issues and concerns
- Maintaining access for traffic, pedestrians, businesses and occupiers (where possible)
- Promoting that Murray Street is open for business throughout the works
- Managing noisy activities and using dust suppression techniques.

A dedicated project phone number and email are also available with project staff able to provide prompt feedback and discuss any matters that arise.

### **What about the upgrade to Murray Street from the Gawler Mill Inn Bridge to Tenth / Seventh Street?**

The next stage of the project further south of the Gawler Mill Inn Bridge to the Tenth/Seventh Street intersection is currently subject to further grant funding being obtained to assist fund its delivery. The Council is currently pursuing grant opportunities for this component of works.

### **How can I provide feedback and stay in touch with what is happening with the Upgrade?**

You can make an enquiry, provide feedback or register to receive project updates by emailing [Murraystreetupgrade@gawler.sa.gov.au](mailto:Murraystreetupgrade@gawler.sa.gov.au) or calling our dedicated phone service on 1300 556 780.

Also, keep an eye on the Upgrade project webpage at [www.gawler.sa.gov.au/murray-street-upgrade](http://www.gawler.sa.gov.au/murray-street-upgrade)