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Boosting safety and busting congestion at busy north eastern junction

A project to boost safety and bust congestion at a busy junction in the north-eastern suburbs is now underway.

Major works have commenced to upgrade the Gorge Road junction with Silkes Road, at Paradise, as the Marshall Liberal Government delivers on its election promise to upgrade the busy junction.

The upgrade includes installing traffic signals at the junction to improve traffic flow and safety, as well as improvements to the Gorge Road junction with Pattinson Road, located approximately 35 metres to the east.

Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Corey Wingard, said the \$3.6 million project would improve safety at the junctions, which together have seen 18 crashes in recent years, as well as support approximately 15 full-time equivalent jobs over the construction period.

"In the lead-up to the last election we committed to fix this busy junction and we are delivering on that promise for the local community and all road users," Minister Wingard said.

"In the five years from 2016 to 2020 there was a total of 18 crashes across the two junctions, with the majority involving vehicles turning right from Silkes Road into Gorge Road.

"The design has taken into account feedback from the local community and includes an extension of the storage lane for the right turn from Gorge Road into Pattinson Road, and the installation of a pedestrian refuge across Gorge Road.

"The project will also include signalisation of pedestrian crossings at the junction of Gorge and Silkes Roads and widening along Gorge Road and at the corners of Gorge Road with both Silkes Road and Pattinson Road.

"This is just one of the many projects currently underway across the city and the state as we deliver on our record \$17.9 billion infrastructure bonanza across the state."

Member for Morialta, John Gardner, welcomed the start of works at this important and busy northeast junction.

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"This work will improve traffic flow and safety and it's been sought by our community for a long time. I'm proud to be a part of a government that is building what matters for our state," Minister Gardner said.

Member for Hartley, Vincent Tarzia, said the important upgrade is welcomed by residents.

"Our Government is proud to be delivering this much needed intersection upgrade, which residents have been calling for," Minister Tarzia said.

"It will make our area safer for all road users and help people get to their destinations sooner."

South Australian civil infrastructure company, LR&M Constructions, is delivering the project.

LR&M Constructions has previously completed works on behalf of the Department for Infrastructure and Transport, including works as part of the Northern Connector Project, Lobethal Freight Route Upgrade and the Mawson Transport Interchange Upgrade.

Minister Wingard thanked all motorists for their cooperation and patience while these important works are undertaken.

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