



TRAFFIC SIGNALS WELCOMED

18th December 2001

Member for Flinders Liz Penfold today welcomed new measures to improve the traffic signals at the entrance to the Port Lincoln grain silos, further enhancing road safety in the area.

"Transport SA has installed advanced detectors on the Porter Street approach road which detect and count approaching road trains heading to the silos," Mrs Penfold said.

"Coupled with this, a new program has been installed in the traffic signal controller on the corner of Porter and London Streets enabling road trains to be given the 'green light'.

"When the traffic signal controller detects a road train, it gives a green light and holds the green light long enough for the full length of the rig to clear the intersection before returning to normal operating traffic signal times," she said.

Mrs Penfold said the improvement ensures that heavily laden vehicles can safely cross the intersection without having to stop suddenly or to start from a stopped position, improving the efficiency of the intersection while simultaneously making it safer for all road users.

The installation of the detectors is the last stage of a \$170,000 upgrade to the intersection which included new traffic lights, improved lighting, curve widening and raised medians.

WAIT ALMOST OVER FOR LIGHTS

24 AUGUST 2001

Member for Flinders Liz Penfold says the new traffic signals installed at the intersection of Porter Street and London Street will be switched on in approximately three weeks time.

The signals will enhance traffic flow and improve motorist safety. Work on the project started in May.

The lights were installed by Transport SA with civil works being undertaken by TSA's Field Operations Section and the City of Port Lincoln

"The lights will be turned on in 2-3 weeks and will be connected to Transport SA's Traffic Control Centre in Norwood via telephone line and will be able to be changed automatically from Norwood," Mrs Penfold says.

"Thorough testing and traffic simulations will be undertaken prior to the lights being switched on."

"Performance of the lights will be closely monitored and will be fine-tuned ready for harvest time in November," she said.

Mrs Penfold says specifically designed detection loops have been installed near the corner of Porter and Liverpool Streets to detect approaching road trains to ensure minimum stopping time at the intersection for large freight vehicles.

"The \$200,000 upgrade of this intersection will improve traffic flow for grain trucks and road trains heading towards the Ausbulk silos.

Mrs. Penfold said the project also included minor works such as curve widening and the installation of raised medians. She said that Transport SA in consultation with Ausbulk and the local Council designed the modifications and signals.

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"This project, funded by the sale of Transport SA's works depot to the local Council, is in line with the South Australian Government's commitment to identify areas for improvement and provide the necessary resources to upgrade them."

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Mrs Penfold said, "Anyone who has travelled along this section of road during the grain season will appreciate these improvements for the safety and well being of everyone."

GRAIN TRAFFIC TO BENEFIT FROM LIGHTS

25 MAY 2001

New traffic signals will be installed at the intersection of Porter Street and London Street to enhance traffic flow and improve motorist safety. Work will commence on Monday 28 May and is expected to be finished by July 200, said Member for Flinders Liz Penfold.

"The \$200,000 upgrade involves the installation of traffic lights to improve traffic flow for grain trucks and road trains heading towards the Ausbulk silos".

The new signals will provide grain haulers with priority at the intersection with detectors placed about 100 metres from the intersection, near the corner of Porter Street and Liverpool Street, to ensure that semi-trailer trucks and road trains do not need to stop at the intersection.

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Transport SA advises traffic restrictions will be in place and that some delays are likely and urges motorists to take care.

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