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Wallaroo Entrance Roads – Agreement Between Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) and Copper Coast Council

The Copper Coast Council has been given the green light to begin comprehensive upgrades to key entrance roads within the Wallaroo township.

An Agreement between Council and the SA Government was approved during last night’s Council’s meeting to upgrade a section of the Copper Coast Highway as well as Irwine Street, Hughes Avenue, Bowman Road, Sharples Road, Magazine Road, Victoria Road and Owen Terrace.

Works to be completed on the Copper Coast Highway (from Beare Road to East Terrace) include asphalt sealing, stormwater improvements and a kerb replacement, while upgrades planned for Irwine Street, Hughes Avenue and Victoria Street sections include asphalt sealing and kerb replacement where required.

These roads are currently owned by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) and negotiations are continuing with Council regarding a potential road swap after the upgrade project is complete.

Upgrades to Council-owned roads such as Bowman, Sharples and Magazine include pavement improvements and deep lift asphalt where required. Owen Terrace will also receive an upgrade with asphalt sealing and kerb replacement where needed.

Upgrades to these key roads are part of The Wallaroo Entrance Roads Project, and a staged design and project plan is now in place for the 2023/24 to 2024/25 financial year period. DIT, in partnership with the Council, will be completing the works, with all upgrades expected to be completed by 30 June 2026.

A formal tender process is currently occurring to confirm cost estimates for which Council’s anticipates a contribution of \$9 million over the 2023/24-2025/26 period.

“The road upgrade project has been in development for several years to date and is an excellent example of State and Local Government collaboration on a vital transport road project,” Copper Coast Council CEO Dylan Strong said.

“As our region grows, so too does the pressure placed on our road infrastructure. This project will ensure that the entrance roads to the Wallaroo township are brought up to modern Australian standards, improving road safety for our community.

“A prospective road swap with the State Government would enable Council to make the important decisions about the future of the entrance roads to Wallaroo that align with Council’s strategic plan and continued development of the Wallaroo township.”

Copper Coast Council Mayor Roslyn Talbot is similarly excited to see the project rubber-stamped.

“I am looking forward to the potential road swap taking place, enabling us to put the finishing touches to the project which will include improved footpaths, beautification and addressing issues such as the five-way intersection,” Mayor Talbot said.

“This busy intersection will not get upgraded until after the road swap takes place, which will enable us to make the necessary changes to our standards. I look forward to the project commencing and thank everyone in advance for their patience navigating the road work.”

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