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### **JOINT MEDIA RELEASE**

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#### **NEW TRAFFIC LIGHTS IN CENTRAL BENDIGO TO BOOST PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**

The Australian and Victorian governments are making central Bendigo safer for everyone with work on new pedestrian-operated traffic lights now underway.

The lights on Chapel Street, near the Hargreaves Street intersection, are being installed as part of a \$3.87 million joint investment by both governments through the Road Safety Program – making it safer and easier for everyone to cross the busy four-lane street.

The traffic lights, which will be located opposite the Bendigo fire station, will help pedestrians and cyclists cross the road safely, while raised safety platforms will also be installed on Chapel Street at the crossing to slow down vehicles.

The same program will also deliver new pedestrian-operated traffic lights on McCrae Street at the Mundy Street corner later this year.

The two new sets of lights form part of the City of Greater Bendigo's planned Strategic Cycling Corridor which will provide a new protected shared user path along Mundy Street from Back Creek to McCrae Street in the Bendigo city centre.

Fire Rescue Victoria will also be able to operate the Chapel Street lights to ensure they can travel through the intersection efficiently in an emergency.

There will be changes to traffic conditions in the Chapel Street at Hargreaves Street area during construction with lane closures in place at times and the speed reduced to 40 kilometres per hour in the works area.

#### **Quote attributable to Federal Assistant Minister for Regional Development Anthony Chisholm:**

"This funding supports the fast roll out of lifesaving road safety treatments and greater protection for pedestrians in central Bendigo."

#### **Quote attributable to Victorian Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne:**

"This important project is part of the Australian and Victorian government's Road Safety Program which is designed to reduce road trauma and save lives."

**Quote attributable to Federal Member for Bendigo Lisa Chesters:**

“As a local mum in Bendigo, I understand the importance of pedestrian safety for our families and the community, and these new traffic lights will ensure greater safety when crossing roads in the busiest parts of Bendigo.”

**Quote attributable to State Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards:**

“The new signals will increase safety for pedestrians crossing Chapel Street, including those working, studying and visiting the centre of Bendigo.”

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