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\$174m super fix for Oaklands Crossing

The \$174 million redevelopment at Oaklands Crossing will create a new residential and shopping precinct and end more than 40 years of daily traffic jams.

Mayor Kris Hanna said motorists and the wider community will hail the landmark agreement between Marion Council and the State and Federal Governments to fixing the crossing at Oaklands Park.

"It's fantastic that after 40 years of inaction Oaklands Crossing will finally be fixed once and for all," Mr Hanna said. "Motorists, residents and anyone who uses the crossing will celebrate the news."

Mayor Hanna said Marion Council will contribute \$5 million in land, roadworks and green space while facilitating a special planning zone to allow high-density developments.

The Federal Government will contribute \$95 million and the State Government \$74.3, with construction expected to begin in the first half of next year.

"The State and Federal Governments asked Council to prepare a bold concept plan for how Oaklands Crossing could be redeveloped," Mayor Hanna said.

"The design involved modifying the road network to fix the crossing, undergrounding the rail line and building a major train station offering commercial and retail opportunities.

"Apartments and shops would frame the development which would feature a green open space at its heart. I'm pleased that our submission about taking the rail under the road has been accepted."

More than 41,000 vehicles a day use the road and rail intersection on the corner of Morphet and Diagonal roads. Motorists can wait up to 20 minutes in peak hour to cross the intersections.

In April last year, Marion Council launched a campaign calling on the State and Federal Governments to work together and fix Oaklands Crossing.

Mayor Hanna said both tiers of government understood the high importance the community placed on the crossing.

"Since my first meeting with Ministers Mullighan and Fletcher last year, they have been prepared to work with us to find a solution," Mr Hanna said.

"On behalf of the Marion community, I want to express my sincere appreciation to them for their co-operation. I am also proud to lead a Council that is prepared to stand up for issues that are important to our community."

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