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Council stages rally for Oaklands crossing fix

Marion Council has intensified its campaign to end chronic traffic congestion at Oaklands crossing by calling on the Federal and State Governments to help fix the notorious intersection at a public rally today.

Mayor Kris Hanna was joined by Federal candidates for Boothby, the local State MP, residents and business owners who addressed crowds highlighting the problems with the crossing.

The Council is campaigning for the State and Federal Governments to work together to build a separation of road and rail at the Oaklands Park intersection where motorists can face delays of up to 20 minutes in peak hour.

Mr Hanna said fixing Oaklands Crossing was a Federal election issue for City of Marion residents.

"More than 41,000 motorists a day can be stuck in traffic jams at Oaklands crossing, some for up to 20 minutes in peak hour," Mr Hanna said.

"Labor's promise of \$500 million for a network of trams in Adelaide may be welcomed by those who live on a tram route.

"The proposal doesn't help residents in the southwestern suburbs, which includes many Boothby and Hindmarsh voters.

"The election campaign still has six weeks to run, so there's still time for the Coalition and Labor to commit to fixing Oaklands crossing."

Visitors to the rally recorded video messages about their experiences of using the crossing.

More than 2700 people have joined the Council's *Let's Get Oaklands Crossing Moving* campaign which is backed by advertising, an online video, a community survey and social media.

In 2012, the State Government released a planning study which assessed four options to solve the traffic congestion.

It recommended the construction of an overpass to carry trains over Diagonal and Morphet roads which at the time was estimated to cost about \$110 million.

People can join the campaign at oaklandscrossing.com.au

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