

Adelaide Design Manual Alignment Street Design Street Types Smart Moves Transport and Movement Strategy

What is it?

Gilbert Street is a busy residential street in the City of Adelaide, providing a variety of uses including residential, retail and commercial. The street is also home to nearby Sturt Street Community School.

The zebra crossing will provide a priority pedestrian crossing across Gilbert Street between Little Sturt Street and Willcox Street, forming part of Adelaide City Council's *Smart Move Transport and Movement Strategy* via the *City South West 'Walking and Cycling' Link* between South Terrace and Grote Street.

More information can be found on the <u>Adelaide City Council website</u>.

Why was it implemented?

The project is an outcome of the ongoing partnership between Adelaide City Council, the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) and the Sturt Street Community School through the *Way2Go* program.

Students from the Sturt Street Community School cross Gilbert Street daily to access the Princess Elizabeth Playground. In addition, numerous other local residents, workers, parents and children traveling to and from school use and cross Gilbert Street.

The Gilbert Street zebra crossing was jointly funded by DPTI's *Way2Go* program and Adelaide City Council, in order to promote and educate primary school students and the community on safe, sustainable and more active forms of travel.









- 1. Gilbert Street zebra crossing under construction
- 2. Laying the foundation for a safer crossing
- 3. It took many stages of works to create the Gilbert Street zebra crossing
- 4. Low maintenance plants were used to green the crossing



Project Aims

- o Installation of a priority pedestrian crossing
- o Installation of six landscaped footpath extensions
- o Encourage more people to walk and bike ride for local trips
- Improve road safety by reducing the speed and volume of motor vehicles traveling on Gilbert Street

Project Budget

\$150,000 in grant funding was provided by DPTI's *Way2Go* program, with Adelaide City Council contributing \$80,000 which together represent a total investment in the city of more than \$230,000.

Adelaide City Council's contribution included funding from the \$1million Greening Program for the six landscaped footpath extensions.

Project Timeline

- Late 2013: Initial consultation for the broader north-south active cross-city link which included a proposed wombat crossing for Gilbert Street
- May 2014: Further consultation undertaken due to original wombat crossing design creating significant stormwater implications which were cost prohibitive
- Mid 2015: Local community located in the vicinity of the proposed zebra crossing informed of new design outcome
- o February April 2016: Construction commenced
- o Late April 2016: Project completed

Future Stages

Evaluation of the project is currently underway, the outcomes of which will be used to inform any future projects that occur within Gilbert Street itself and other Local Streets within the City of Adelaide area.

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- 1. The completed project in use
- 2. There are two garden beds on each side of the zebra crossing
- 3. Planting succulents lowered the cost of greening and the ongoing maintenance costs
- 4. Students, workers and local residents of the area can take advantage of safer walking conditions