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Infrastructure Road to Success

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COUNCIL is helping to pave the road to success of the Thomas Foods International (TFI) meat processing plant rebuild to restore jobs to the local area and boost the economy.

On Friday 19 June 2020 the Rural City of Murray Bridge Council Assessment Panel granted Planning Approval for the new TFI meat processing facility.

The decision allows TFI to continue with their detailed designs and, following the issuing of Building Approval, Development Approval and all other necessary approvals, construction will be able to commence.

The Rural City of Murray Bridge is overseeing the tender and construction of a literal 2.2km link road between Mannum Road and the proposed new TFI facility North of Murray Bridge.

Council is pleased to announce that Downer EDI Pty Ltd, in conjunction with a local Murray Bridge Company Spry Civil Construction, has been awarded the construction contract for the road project and site works are anticipated to commence within the coming days with works to be completed in December 2020.

The project will include protected acceleration and deceleration lanes to facilitate safe passage for turning and a new intersection with lighting on Mannum Road.

The infrastructure will help facilitate the TFI meat processing plant rebuild after the local site was destroyed by fire two years ago, significantly impacting the local economy and workforce.

The Federal and State Governments have committed \$14 million to the project to provide access to the new site.

Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick said this project was a great example of government and industry working together.

“This project is a great example of all three levels of government and industry working together to achieve a fantastic outcome for the State,” he said.

“The awarding of the road construction tender is an important step in securing meat processing here in South Australia.

“This multi-million investment in the Murraylands has helped cement 2000 local jobs along with 4500 indirect jobs.”

Mayor Brenton Lewis said “Building this infrastructure is an important step in supporting the retention of a significant employer and industry for the region.

“Thomas Foods International is one of our largest employers and they are investing several hundred million dollars in a new state of the art processing facility in Murray Bridge, that will employ about 2,000 people once it's fully operational.

“The impact of the devastating fire that tore through the original facility in January 2018 was felt deeply throughout our community.

“TFI has shown great loyalty to our community and an unwavering commitment to re-establishing operations in our Rural City.

“Council is proud to be playing a significant role in this infrastructure project to help make it happen”.

Chief Executive Officer Michael Sedgman said “The infrastructure project design was developed in partnership between Council and the Department of Planning Transport & Infrastructure (DPTI) and a funding agreement was signed to provide Council with the construction budget, to project manage and deliver the road project.”