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Subject: **Murray Bridge Prioritises Transport and Infrastructure Amidst Rapid Growth**

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The growth aspirations of Murray Bridge are aligned to the Government's aspirations, which will see Murray Bridge recognised as one of South Australia's fastest-growing satellite centres outside of metropolitan Adelaide.

As a result, significant transport and infrastructure development will be required with Council placing an initial focus on freight management and accessible transport options.

In a strategic meeting with Minister Koutsantonis, Mayor Thorley, Cr Keen, CEO Heather Barclay and key Council staff engaged in discussions, focusing on the future needs of the Murray Bridge community and a tactical vision for its development.

Acknowledging the critical need for enhanced passenger transport options, Council has committed to partnering with Department for Infrastructure and Transport. This partnership will provide insight into the demand for services now and into the future, enhancing the input into the [Mount Barker/Adelaide Hills Transport Study](#), with a view of identifying needs to be incorporated into infrastructure and investment planning.

In addition, Mayor Wayne Thorley highlighted the importance of infrastructure enhancements, to support employment lands, housing, amenity and accessibility

"Supporting industry and primary production now and into the future and protecting townships from heavy freight, requires alternative routes to those already established", Mayor Thorley said.

"Accordingly, we are committed to providing essential local insights and collaborating with Minister Koutsantonis to address this pressing issue, benefiting not just our community but also the Hills region."

"Partnerships in planning and delivery will be key and we are committed to just that - to ensure the Rural City of Murray Bridge is a place where growth and infrastructure development are aligned and people can live, work and invest, in a thriving community"