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## **Council approves York Street upgrade**

The top of York Street will get a much-needed enhancement after Albany City Council last night approved concept plans to improve amenity and add vibrancy to the street.

Council endorsed the project after considering community feedback received during community consultation.

Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington said the City wanted all residents and visitors to feel welcome and enjoy the city centre experience.

“It is a place we want to encourage as a destination to do business and a place where people can meet, greet and mingle in a friendly, engaging atmosphere,” he said.

“The York Street enhancement will help achieve that and build on the successful spaces already created at the Town Square and Stirling Terrace and provide flow-on benefits for surrounding businesses.”

The project vision is to create a main street space that not only enhances the public realm but is pedestrian and cycle friendly.

A significant benefit of the design is that it can be closed off for major events which will complement the civic/cultural precinct which incorporates the Town Square, Town Hall, Library and Alison Hartman Gardens.

The top of York Street will become single lane to traffic with median angled parking, clutter will be reduced by removing the old green street light poles and replacing them with improved energy-efficient lighting.

A round-about will also be created at the Serpentine Road intersection to improve traffic flows across York Street.

As a result of the community’s feedback, the concept designs will be amended to include a designated shared-use path on the western side of York Street, sections of more accessible kerbing and additional streetscape elements such as more trees, planter boxes and street furniture.

Detailed planning will also begin for the provision of linked cycle routes on Aberdeen and Grey streets in accordance with the Albany Cycle City Strategy.

The enhancement works are expected to commence in February after further consultation with surrounding businesses.

*Images: Architectural concepts of the planned upgrades to York Street. Pictures: City of Albany/ AECOM.  
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