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PRELIMINARY COX STREET WORKS SET TO BEGIN

Preliminary works for stage one of the Cox Street Redevelopment Project are set to begin this week with the demolition of number 68 Cox Street. The building, owned by Department of Transport, needs to be removed before the first stage of the redevelopment works can commence.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Bruach Colliton said it's pleasing to see these initial works underway.

"We acknowledge there has been a longer lead-in to this project due to design and access approvals from the relevant asset and service authorities so to now be at a stage where the preliminary works are able to begin really is encouraging," said Cr Colliton.

"Having completed reaffirming works for the Heavy Vehicle Route on South Boundary Road, we are now looking forward to putting this first phase of the project into action."

Jointly funded by Council and the Victorian Government's Regional Infrastructure Fund, Productive and Liveable Cities and Centres program, the project has an overall budget of \$4.6million will see the following improvements made to the Ballarat Road entry of the CBD:

- Undergrounding of existing power lines and new Telstra lines (east side only)
- Demolition of number 68 Cox Street
- New median strip
- New Road pavement (east side only)
- New kerb and channel
- 3m wide footpath

"This project has remained a high priority with Council committed to improving the Ballarat Road entrance and revitalising the CBD," concluded Cr Colliton. "We look forward to providing more information in the near future on the commencement of phase one."

Demolition works are expected to take a couple of weeks to complete. Pedestrians and drivers are advised to take care around the area while these important works are carried out.

Keep up-to-date with project news via Council's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/southerngrampiansshirecouncil/> or via Council's website at https://www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/Page/Page.aspx?Page_Id=2907

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