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PREMIUM BUS STOPS TO GET LATE-NIGHT PATRONS HOME SAFELY

Bus stops featuring extra lighting and security have been upgraded in Adelaide's CBD to assist patrons in getting home safely after a late night out in the city.

Transport Services Minister Chloë Fox today announced that four "Premium City Central Stops" have been designated in the Hindley Street precinct, providing dedicated stops for outbound After Midnight bus services.

Ms Fox said the Premium City Central Stops, which will be operational from this Saturday night, feature upgraded lighting, monitored CCTV and a regular police presence.

"Planning a safe trip home after a late night in Adelaide's West End will now be easier with Premium City Central stops. These stops have been established in time for the busy festive season and event-packed February and March," she said.

"Every After Midnight bus service will stop at one of the dedicated Premium City Central Stops where patrons can catch an hourly bus home.

"As we rejuvenate our city centre we want to make sure our public transport system is as accessible and safe as possible."

The stops will be located on King William Street (stop X2 for north and C2 for south services) and Currie Street (stop E1 for east and W1 for west services).

Public toilets in Topham Mall off Currie Street will also be opened for the convenience of public transport customers.

To complement the initiative, an additional taxi rank is being tested on King William Street near the corner of Rundle Mall, pending a review to convert it to a managed taxi rank on weekends with a concierge service.

Managed taxi ranks currently operate from the Morphett Street and Pulteney Street taxi ranks to provide a safe and orderly way to catch a taxi home. These ranks have been extremely successful since their establishment.