

Hon Stephen Mullighan MP Minister for Transport and Infrastructure

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T2T Port Road bridge to open to traffic ahead of schedule as big dig continues

The Port Road bridge at South Road is set to open Monday morning ahead of schedule – another major milestone in the North-South Corridor, Torrens Road to River Torrens Project.

Significant traffic restrictions will be in place from tomorrow night and throughout the weekend, as preparations are made to switch traffic to the new bridge on Monday morning.

This switch will also see the new northbound surface road on South Road completed between Port Road and Henry Street.

The new bridge will also pave the way for the next stage of the project's 'big dig' – the excavation of 350,000m³ of material to enable the construction of the 3km non-stop lowered motorway.

It's the second bridge to open as part of the \$896m project with the Grange Road bridge opened in November. Both bridges are being delivered ahead of schedule.

The excavation under the Port Road bridge is expected to be completed by mid-2017.

The bridge deck pour used 2,760m³ of concrete and 580 tonnes of steel reinforcement using high quality billet from Arrium, Whyalla.

Background

The Port Road bridge is made up of:

- 66 x 0.9m diameter piles
- 23 x 30.2m long concrete beams, weighing between 57 and 64 tonnes per beam
- 2,760m³ of concrete
- 580 tonnes of steel reinforcement
- 7,000m³ excavation
- 2,000m² bridge deck

To enable the traffic switch to the new bridge, motorists on South Road will not be able to proceed through the Port Road intersection. Vehicles will be detoured to use the U-turn facilities on Port Road near Coglin Street and at Queen Street.

Motorists will not be able to turn right in any direction at the South Road intersection with Port Road.

All businesses in the area will be open as usual.

Motorists are advised to plan ahead and, if possible, use the alternate route for heavy and light vehicles via Park Terrace. Light vehicles may also detour via Holbrooks Road and East Avenue.

Detailed project information and maps of alternative routes for this weekend are available at the [T2T project website](#).

Quotes attributable to Transport and Infrastructure Minister Stephen Mullighan

While the SA Liberals continue to block and stifle economic and infrastructure initiatives, Labor continues to keep building South Australia.

It was the Torrens to Torrens project Steven Marshall promised to scrap at the last State Election.

This massive infrastructure project is supporting around 480 South Australian jobs each year in a variety of roles such as civil and formwork construction workers, site supervisors, project engineers, safety professionals, administrative professionals, and trainees and apprentices.

It will also deliver significant benefits to tens of thousands of freight operators, commuters and other motorists, and when it is complete it will cater for up to 115,000 vehicles each day.

The intersection of Port and South roads is one of six sets of traffic lights which will be bypassed by the new lowered motorway removing delays and obstacles to the more than 52,000 vehicles which currently use the road.

The transfer of traffic on to the Port Road bridge marks another significant milestone for the Torrens to Torrens project with the completion of the second bridge to be built as part of the project.

It will allow for excavation to continue on the three-kilometre lowered motorway, which will be up to 8-metres below the existing surface of South Road, and will form part of the four kilometres of non-stop roadway between Croydon Park and Torrensville.

Quotes attributable to Labor candidate for Croydon Pete Malinauskas

The \$896 million Torrens to Torrens project is one of the most exciting infrastructure projects in the State, benefitting many South Australians.

It's fantastic to see the project ahead of schedule. The patience of local motorists is paying off, with another project milestone being reached.

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