

# Joy Baluch AM Bridge Duplication Project Update July 2020

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Artist impression of the Joy Baluch AM Bridge Duplication

## PW2PA Alliance commences


The Port Wakefield to Port Augusta Alliance (PW2PA), a consortium of CPB Contractors, Aurecon, GHD, in alliance with the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure has been awarded the contract to design and construct the Joy Baluch AM Bridge Duplication Project. Design works have been progressing since March 2020, when the Alliance was formed.

The Australian and South Australian Governments have committed \$200 million (\$160 million from the Australian Government and \$40 million from the South Australian Government) for the Joy Baluch AM Bridge Duplication

Project. The Joy Baluch AM Bridge is an important link in the National Land Transport Network at Port Augusta, providing access across the Spencer Gulf for commuter, commercial and freight vehicles in the northern region of South Australia. It is also a key tourist connection to the Eyre Peninsula, northern South Australia and beyond.

The duplication of the Joy Baluch AM Bridge will improve road safety and efficiency for all users, as well as improve freight productivity and resilience of this critical road network.

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## Project Design

The works include:

- Duplication of the current bridge, with a new road bridge to provide two lanes for eastbound traffic movements across the Spencer Gulf.
- Reconfiguration of the existing bridge to provide two lanes, and conversion of the raised bicycle lane, to provide a shared use pedestrian and cycle path, for east and westbound movements.
- Dedicated shared use pedestrian and cycle path. In addition, there will now be an extension of the shared use path along the Augusta Highway from Mackay Street junction to Flinders Terrace intersection (new bridge side of Augusta Highway).
- Widening of approach road and embankments to achieve a continuous four lane road from Burgoyne Street to Mackay Street.
- Installation of traffic signals at the junction of Augusta Highway and Mackay Street. An additional second right turn lane at the junction will also now be provided.
- Installation of bridge barriers to both the new and existing bridges.
- Improved earthquake resistance and barrier upgrade of the bridge over the Adelaide to Darwin railway line.

As part of the delivery of the urban design for the project, the Alliance will collaborate with Aboriginal Groups, Port Augusta City Council and key stakeholders in the design and implementation of cultural elements to strengthen local identity, cultural respect and interpretation of place.



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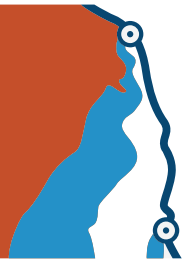


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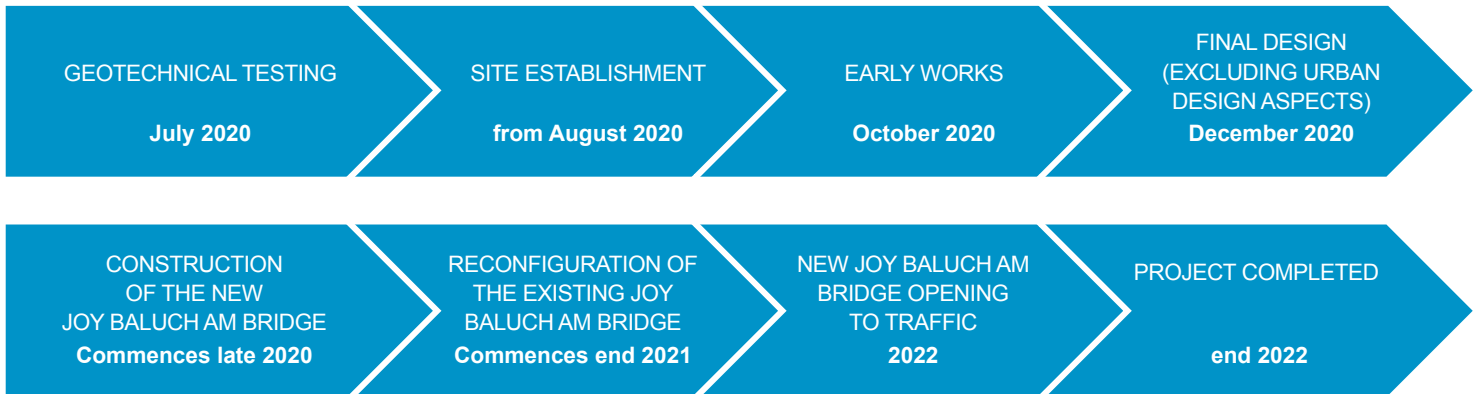
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## Key project milestone dates



*Dates are approximate and are subject to change.*

## Site compound establishment and early works

From August 2020, the Alliance will establish the project site offices. The main site office will be located on the Eastside foreshore, between Tassie Street and Yuda Street. The site compound will consist of transportable office huts, a small amenities block and car parking for project staff. A small site compound will also be established on the Westside foreshore adjacent to On the Run (OTR). The project team will progressively mobilise to site between August and December 2020.

In addition to setting up site offices from August, Stage 1 traffic arrangements, between Burgoyne Street and Flinders Terrace, will be set up over approximately one week of night works to allow for construction of the new bridge to commence later this year. Activities will commence in mid-August and involve the removal of the existing traffic islands, line

marking and installation of temporary traffic barriers to shift traffic onto a new alignment until approximately early 2022. One lane of traffic will be maintained across the existing bridge in both directions. Speed and other traffic restrictions will be in place and signage will be prominently located to alert road users to the changed traffic conditions in advance of the works commencing.

Construction of a crane pad on the Eastside foreshore, adjacent the existing bridge, will also be installed in September 2020. This activity will result in short term, traffic restrictions on Tassie Street in this location. Traffic detours, including signage, will be in place and advance notice of these works and any temporary traffic detours will be provided to nearby businesses and residents.

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## Project website

The PW2PA website – [www.pw2pa.com.au](http://www.pw2pa.com.au) is now live. The Alliance is proud to be associated with Webb Software, a family owned and operated Port Augusta business, who has designed the PW2PA website. Visit the website to get the most up-to-date information on project timelines, latest news, publications, photos and opportunities for community involvement.

You can also visit the website to register for project updates and provide feedback on your dealings with the Alliance. The website will be updated regularly and will be the main source of information about the Joy Baluch AM Bridge Duplication and other projects that are being undertaken by the PW2PA Alliance, including the Port Wakefield Overpass and Highway Duplication and the Augusta Highway Duplication Planning Study between Port Augusta and Port Wakefield.

## Project phone and email

In addition to the website, you can also contact the project team on the 24/7 project enquiry line: 1300 161 407 or email at [enquiries@pw2pa.com.au](mailto:enquiries@pw2pa.com.au) if you have any queries or require further information.

## Supporting local business

The project team will engage with local businesses over the next couple of months to establish primary points of contact and to obtain operational information to feed into the design development and construction schedule.

The PW2PA Alliance will work closely with local businesses to provide timely information on construction activities and to develop a Business Support Strategy to support local businesses through the construction period. The strategy will include two-way communication and precinct wide business promotion options.

## Coming soon

The SitePodium app will be available for the Joy Baluch AM Bridge Duplication Project in the coming weeks, which you will be able to download on your smart phone or other device. The app will present information in a social media feed style, allowing the latest information, including photos, to be accessed and shared quickly. Visit the PW2PA website for more information on when the app goes live.

A shopfront engagement hub on Commercial Road, will also be launched during August 2020. The hub will provide another opportunity to obtain project information, speak with project team members at advertised times and find out how to get involved in the project. Keep visiting the PW2PA website for more information on the launch date.

## Community Information Session

The PW2PA Alliance project team is holding a Community Information Session as detailed below:

**Where:** Institute Theatre, 52 Commercial Road Port Augusta.

**When:** Thursday 30 July from 3pm – 7pm.

You are invited to meet members of the PW2PA project team and discuss the project, see the latest Joy Baluch AM Bridge Duplication concept design, provide feedback and find out ways you can get involved.

All members of the public are welcome. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to attend.

**To ensure COVID-19 physical distancing requirements are met, attendees must register prior to attending the Information Session.**

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