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Speed limits lifted on South Road Superway

Following successful skid resistance testing, speed limits on the \$842 million South Road Superway will today be lifted from 60 to 90 kilometres per hour.

Transport and Infrastructure Minister Stephen Mullighan said lifting of the speed limit follows the successful opening of the northbound lanes of the structure in March.

“The South Road Superway is a significant piece of infrastructure that will improve travel times for freight and other traffic along this part of the north south corridor,” Mr Mullighan said.

“In lifting the speed limit, these benefits will increase. However I also urge motorists to continue to drive to the conditions.

“This speed limit increase comes in time for the Easter Break, with many families expected to be heading out of Adelaide for weekend getaways.”

Mr Mullighan said an open graded asphalt that has superior drainage and skid resistance properties has been used for the final surfacing, which will reduce the spray from cars in wet weather.

“The temporary speed restrictions have been necessary for safety during the period since the northbound lanes were opened, but test results now indicate that it is safe to increase the speed limit,” Mr Mullighan said.

“This impressive 2.8 kilometre elevated roadway will cut travel times by up to seven minutes for up to 45,000 vehicles that use this section of the road every day.”

During construction the Superway supported around 2,750 jobs, and 65 per cent of subcontracts let by the main contractor have been to South Australian businesses. This also included more than 2 per cent employment.

The \$842 million South Road Superway project is the biggest single investment in a South Australian road project, and the State's most complex engineering road construction project to date.

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