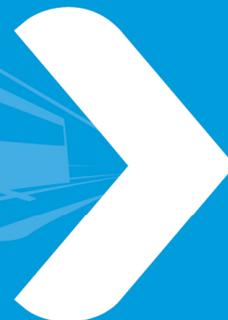


Gawler track upgrade

Final works and staged re-opening



Since September 2011 the Gawler train line has been temporarily closed between Mawson Interchange and Gawler Central while the track and stations have been upgraded in preparation for electrification of the line.

The work program is entering its final phase and we thank you for your patience and understanding during the construction period.

The upgrade is an important step towards electrification of the line and a more modern, faster and efficient train service.

To facilitate final works, the line will be re-opened in two stages to minimise disruptions to public transport users and maximise efficiencies.

1. Re-opening to Salisbury opens 18 March

From Sunday 18 March the line will open for passenger services between Mawson Interchange and Salisbury Interchange. Work will continue through to Gawler Central and the line will remain closed.

2. Full line re-opening April 2012

The full Gawler line - from the city to Gawler Central Station will be open in early April 2012.

Full information about train and bus services is available from www.adelaidemetro.com.au or by calling 1300 311 108.

Substitute buses

The GA1, GA2, GA3 and GA4 substitute bus services will cease operation once the remainder of the line is opened.

Watch for test trains

Driver training and test trains will be running along the Gawler line from 13 March 2012. Motorists and pedestrians are reminded to take care and observe signage as trains return. Pedestrians are reminded only to cross the tracks at designated pedestrian mazes and look both ways for trains.

Track and station upgrades

During the closure period, the track upgrade project has

Track

- > removed and upgraded rail
- > installed over 80,000 gauge-convertible concrete sleepers
- > upgraded the track formation (base layer) with 110,000 cubic metres of new ballast
- > improved drainage within the corridor
- > constructed a 'turn-back' facility at Elizabeth Station to allow trains to start and finish at this location
- > minor upgrades at pedestrian mazes.



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Level crossings

Eleven level crossings have been maintained and upgraded to improve safety, including:

- Park Terrace
- Kings Road
- Commercial Road
- Womma Road
- Anderson Walk
- Curtis Road
- Dalkeith Road
- Clark Road
- Barnet Street
- Victoria Terrace
- Murray Street.

Stations

New stations have been built at Munno Para and Elizabeth, including integrated bus interchanges for easier and faster transfers between the train and bus.

Chidda, Elizabeth South, Evanston and Gawler Stations were upgraded with new platform surfaces, lighting, CCTV, passenger information and easier access.

Stations will open when the Gawler line train services resume.

Penrice stone train

The Penrice Stone Train will be returning to service on 25 March 2012 with test trains operating prior to this date.

Electrification

The first mast was installed on a stretch of the Gawler rail line between Nurlutta and Elizabeth South railway stations with masts now installed in several locations between Salisbury and Gawler.

The first electric trains are scheduled to be running on the network by the end of 2013.

Gawler train shed

The Gawler train shed is being restored. It has been dismantled and moved to a nearby site. It will be rebuilt in the same location in late 2012.

Sunday Markets at Gawler

The Gawler Lions Club holds a market every Sunday in the Gawler Station car park. During the closure, the market was relocated from the northern to the southern end of the station car park to accommodate a temporary bus interchange. The Market will return to its original location when train services return to Gawler in April.

Thank you

The department would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and cooperation throughout this important infrastructure upgrade.



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