Going further on the Expressway with Gawler Bypass upgrade

With the Northern Expressway ahead of schedule and within budget, works can commence on the transition of the Northern Expressway to the Gawler Bypass.

Progress and cost effective construction of the project mean that an expressway-standard road will join the Northern Expressway to the Gawler Interchange with the Sturt Highway Upgrade at Willaston.

The transition works, starting this month, will:
- upgrade safety standards
- increase the road capacity
- increase speeds to expressway standard
- upgrade several local roads.

The Gawler bypass will have a 110 kilometre per hour speed limit, and local access lanes will be upgraded at Weyland Road and Mallala Road.

During the works, both Weyland Road, Willaston and Mallala Road, Gawler Belt will be closed for a time, but not simultaneously. Detours will occur in two stages and road users are being advised of traffic diversions.

The Northern Expressway will now be finished in September, well ahead of the original December 2010 target.
Biggest interchange grows from the fields over a year

Top Left: November 2008 – Looking like a giant sandpit… excavators, graders and rollers begin to form the basic outline of the expressway corridor and future bridge earthworks beside Heaslip Road.

Lower Left: February 2009 – The expressway corridor has been formed each side of Heaslip Road as the bridge takes form with concrete poured into bridge abutments prior to pre-cast concrete boxes being placed. Womma Road is to the left of the photo which was taken looking westwards.

Above: May 2009 – From high above Heaslip Road looking west, the expressway earthworks are taking shape on both sides of the road near the intersection of Womma Road. Bridge beams have been lowered into place between the high earth mounds that will be the new alignment for Heaslip Road traffic. The RAAF Base Edinburgh is in the top left of the photo and the Port River and Torrens Island Conservation Park are at top right.

Immediate Left: December 2009 – Looking east towards Elizabeth West, Davoren Park and Craigmore in the foothills. After 13 months the bridge is fully built prior to landscaping.

Website has latest information

The Northern Expressway website has an interactive map to advise all road users of the latest traffic changes. If you have any questions you can contact the Northern Expressway Information Line on 1300 658 621.