

# North-South Corridor Darlington Upgrade Project Newsletter

April 2019



Aerial view of Main South Road looking south, with the Ayliffes Road Bridge in the foreground

## Project update

With the Darlington Upgrade Project due for completion late this year, the first few months of the year have been extremely busy as we move into the final stages of construction.

Excavation of the lowered motorway is now 90% complete, with approximately 774,000 cubic metres of soil removed to date.

The lowered motorway is a vital element of the project as it will allow motorists to bypass five sets of traffic signals, including one of the state's busiest intersections at Main South Road and Sturt Road.

A quarter of the lowered motorway wall panels have been installed and the Tonsley Boulevard Bridge is more than 70% complete, with 1900 cubic metres of concrete poured, 1050 tonnes of steel fixed and the majority of concrete deck pours complete.

In the coming months, we will see some major traffic switches occur, with traffic progressively moved into the lowered motorway and onto the second new Main South Road Bridge and the Ayliffes Road Bridge.

Following these switches, final construction of the Main South Road surface roads and landscaping can occur.



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Asphalt being placed on the southbound carriageway of Main South Road, between the Sutton Road/Mimosa Terrace bridge and the Sturt Road bridge



Tonsley Boulevard Bridge construction



Flinders Drive bridge with Main South Road bridges in the background



Looking north along South Road, with the new Ayliffes Road bridge in the foreground



Construction of the Tonsley Boulevard bridge



Sutton Road/Mimosa Terrace bridge



Lowered motorway excavation works adjacent the Tonsley Boulevard Bridge

# Key Milestones

## First half of 2019

- Completion of lowered motorway excavation south of Ayliffes Road
- Ongoing excavation of lowered motorway to Tonsley Boulevard
- Lowered motorway between Ayliffes Road and Southern Expressway partially opens to traffic
- Main South Road bridge over the Southern Expressway to lowered motorway opens to traffic
- Ayliffes Road Bridge opens to traffic

## Second half of 2019

- Reconfiguration of Ayliffes Road/South Road intersection
- Tonsley Boulevard bridge opens to traffic
- Main South Road surface roads in final configuration (two lanes in each direction)
- Landscaping complete
- Shared use paths complete and open
- Overall project completion

## Traffic switch onto lowered motorway

A series of major traffic switches will occur on Main South Road between the Southern Expressway and Ayliffes Road in the coming months, as traffic is progressively shifted into the lowered motorway.

The new Main South Road bridge which carries northbound traffic over the Southern Expressway and into the lowered motorway will open to traffic as part of the first stage of these traffic switches.

The Ayliffes Road Bridge that will take northbound traffic from the lowered motorway and the Main South Road surface road across the South Road /Ayliffes Road intersection will then open to traffic during the second stage of the traffic switches.

Further information regarding the traffic switches will be provided in the near future.

## Project Office Relocation

The project team recently relocated to new premises at 15-31 Ayliffes Road, St Marys.

We continue to welcome visitors to the site to talk about the project.

Please phone ahead on 1300 759 334 to organise a time so we can make sure there is someone available to meet with you.

## Happy Easter

The project team would like to wish you and your families a very happy and safe Easter! If you are heading away, please drive safely and have a great time.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and cooperation throughout construction works and we look forward to continuing to work with you.

Our offices and site will be closed from Friday 19 April, re-opening on the morning of Tuesday 23 April.

## For more information

**Call:** 1300 759 334

**Email:** [enquiries@gatewaysouth.com.au](mailto:enquiries@gatewaysouth.com.au)

**Visit:** The project site office is now located at 15-31 Ayliffes Road. Please phone ahead to organise a time to speak with a member of the project team.

**Web:** [infrastructure.sa.gov.au/darlington](http://infrastructure.sa.gov.au/darlington)

The project also supports equitable access to information. Translation of project information will be provided on request.



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