Granite Island Causeway Project

Construction Update

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) is building a new Granite Island Causeway. The new Causeway is being constructed next to the existing Causeway and will continue to deliver social and economic benefits to the region. It will also provide a long-term environmentally sensitive solution. The South Australian Government has committed $43 million towards this important project.

Plaza works and staging

The project includes the redevelopment of the Causeway Plaza which will provide a multi-use space for visitors and access to the new Causeway. The redevelopment will include new planter boxes, landscaping, and public seating. A new Horse Drawn Tram platform, together with rail transition to the new Causeway, will be constructed.

This Plaza area will also integrate urban design features to complement and acknowledge the Ngarrindjeri - Ramindjeri culture and connection to the area.

To minimise the impact to the local community, and continue to provide access to Granite Island, the Plaza redevelopment will be completed in two stages. The redevelopment of the Plaza is expected to be complete late 2021.
Stage One works will commence on Monday, 2 August 2021, and are scheduled for completion late September 2021, weather permitting.

Works will be undertaken Monday to Saturday between 7am and 5pm. The community will be notified in advance if works are required at night or on Sundays.

Key construction activities will include:

- removal of old planter boxes and installation of new ones;
- removal of existing pavement and laying of new pavement; and
- installation of new underground services.

Some noise and vibration disturbance can be expected at times while these works are completed, however the work will be managed to minimise disturbance to nearby residents and businesses as much as practically possible.

Pedestrian and cyclist management

Access to Granite Island and Causeway Plaza businesses, including the Horse Drawn Tram, Causeway Café and Dunes Mini Golf, will be maintained for the duration of Stage One works.

Please continue to support your local businesses.

The Encounter Bikeway route from Encounter Bay will remain operational. Pedestrians and cyclists are advised to take care when travelling through the area. For safety reasons there may be some restricted access. Where required, signage will be in place to direct pedestrians and cyclists to alternative access and/or detours. Every effort will be made to minimise impacts to the community.

Access across the existing Causeway will continue to be subject to current operating restrictions (structural safety and weather) and construction staging requirements for the new Causeway.

Beach access underneath the existing Causeway is closed to the public until completion of the project in late 2021. People should not enter the fenced off areas during this time.

Stage Two Plaza works will commence once Stage One is complete. Further information about Stage Two works will be provided closer to the time.

The Department appreciates your patience and cooperation whilst these important works are undertaken.

Members of the public are encouraged to register their details with the project mailing list to receive project updates and information as it becomes available.

To find out more about the project, provide feedback or register to receive project updates, please:

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