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Verdun Interchange Upgrade

Project Update – June 2026

We are upgrading the Verdun Interchange to create better connections between Adelaide Hills and the freeway, supporting population growth

The existing Verdun Interchange will be upgraded to a full interchange, allowing access to and from the South Eastern Freeway in all directions.

Upgrading this interchange will improve connectivity, traffic efficiency and commuter safety in the area. The project is jointly funded by the Australian Government (80%) and South Australian Government (20%).

The interchange is expected to be open to traffic in late 2027.

What's happening

Construction is progressing at the Verdun Interchange with temporary freeway lane realignment and traffic diversions now in place.

Temporary freeway lane realignment

To ensure traffic can safely use all lanes on the South Eastern Freeway during construction, we have temporarily realigned freeway lanes in the vicinity of the Verdun Interchange. To keep everyone safe, the speed limit is reduced to 80km/h in this area. These arrangements will remain in place for the duration of the project.



Improved safety for all road users



Smoother and safer journeys



Preserving the character of the Adelaide Hills



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Temporary entry ramp traffic diversion

To enable construction of the new westbound exit ramp (towards Bridgewater), and the new underpass below the existing westbound entry ramp, we have diverted traffic onto a temporary entry ramp between the South Eastern Freeway and the existing westbound entry ramp.

Upcoming works

Over the coming months the following activity will be carried out:

- Building the new eastbound entry ramp and westbound exit ramp, including earthworks and drainage works
- Constructing the westbound exit ramp underpass and bridge, including earthworks, piling and installation of abutments, capping beams and wing walls
- Constructing the new footpath on Mount Barker Road
- Consolidating Bus Stop 48a and Bus Stop 49 on Mount Barker Road.

Other works will include safety barrier upgrades, electrical works and utility services installation.

How this affects you

Most construction work will be carried out between 7am and 6pm, Monday to Friday. Some night works will be required between 7pm and 6am, Sunday to Friday.

Over the next few months, some works and truck movements will commence from 6am in the area.

There may be some noise, vibration, light spill and dust during these works. We will take steps to minimise impacts where practicable.

Speed restrictions

The speed limit has been reduced to 80 km/h on the South Eastern Freeway and 40 km/h on Mount Barker Road and Onkaparinga Valley Road near work zones. These speed restrictions will remain in place for the duration of the project.

Access

The South Eastern Freeway will remain open at all times. However, we may need to temporarily close lanes at night during these works.

Where pedestrian access is temporarily restricted, signs will direct pedestrians to alternative routes and detours.

We will maintain access for residential properties and businesses wherever possible. If we need to temporarily restrict driveway access, advance notice will be provided.

Access for emergency service vehicles will always be maintained.

For further details, please refer to the Construction Fact Sheet on the project webpage.

Bus stops consolidation

Bus Stop 48a will be consolidated with Bus Stop 49 on Mount Barker Road.

Advance notice regarding the consolidation of Bus Stop 48a (south side) and Bus Stop 48a (north side) with Bus Stop 49 on Mount Barker Road will be provided on the Adelaide Metro website.

Please check on-site signage and visit www.adelaidemetro.com.au for more information.

Drone footage

From time to time, drones may be used within and around the project area to capture aerial footage and to monitor construction progress. Drone operations will be carried out in line with Civil Aviation Safety Authority requirements.

Vegetation salvage and reuse

With a commitment to minimising impacts on trees, vegetation and native fauna, we continually seek opportunities to salvage and repurpose material from removed vegetation.

Tree hollow preservation

Using innovative, environmentally conscious methods, we have retained and preserved more than 10 natural tree hollows from trees removed during construction. These hollows, which provide critical habitat for native fauna, have been prepared for relocation into suitable nearby trees.



Retained and prepared tree hollows

Lepidosperma plant salvage

We have successfully salvaged approximately 150 rare *Lepidosperma* plants growing between the South Eastern Freeway and the westbound entry ramp.

Working closely with the Local Flora Society, we carefully removed the plants, which were then replanted in heritage-protected private flora reserves, where they can continue to thrive.

Koala habitat and feed donation

Working closely with the local charity, Southern Koala and Echidna Rescue (SKER), we have salvaged 3 large habitat branches and 40 eucalyptus feeding branches. The logs and leaves will be used to provide habitat and feeding material for koalas in SKER's care.



SKER representatives at the project site

Community engagement

'Welcome to the Neighbourhood' BBQ

To mark the opening of the project site compound, we hosted a 'Welcome to the Neighbourhood' BBQ. Local business representatives, residents, other guests and project team members enjoyed freshly cooked food and drinks in a relaxed, informal setting. A big thank you to everyone who attended the BBQ.



'Welcome to the Neighbourhood' BBQ facilitated by the Hahndorf and Districts Lions Club

Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony

To acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land, we hosted a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony at the project site on Kaurna Country. The event brought together Kaurna Elders, representatives from the Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation, guests and project team members. It provided an opportunity to share cultural knowledge and reflect on Traditional Owners' connection to Country.

More information

For more information about the project or to speak to a member of the project team, please:

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