

Port Wakefield Overpass and Highway Duplication Project Update August 2020

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Artist impression of the Port Wakefield Overpass

PW2PA Alliance commences

The Port Wakefield to Port Augusta Alliance (PW2PA), a consortium of CPB Contractors, Aurecon, GHD, in alliance with the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure has been awarded the contract to design and construct the Port Wakefield Overpass and Highway Duplication Project. Design works have been progressing since March 2020, when the Alliance was formed.

The Port Wakefield Overpass and Highway Duplication Project is a joint initiative of the Australian and South Australian Governments.

Port Wakefield Highway typically carries 8,800 vehicles per day, however, this can increase to around 16,000

during peak holiday periods. As a result of high holiday traffic volumes and conflicting traffic movements at the intersection with the Copper Coast Highway, lengthy queues have been experienced causing substantial delays. The Augusta Highway and Copper Coast Highway intersection north of Port Wakefield is one of the State's busiest regional road intersections being a national and regional link between Adelaide, Port Augusta and the Yorke Peninsula.

The project will improve traffic flow and reduce congestion for all road users, particularly during peak travel times and public holidays and improve safety and freight productivity along the National Land Networks.

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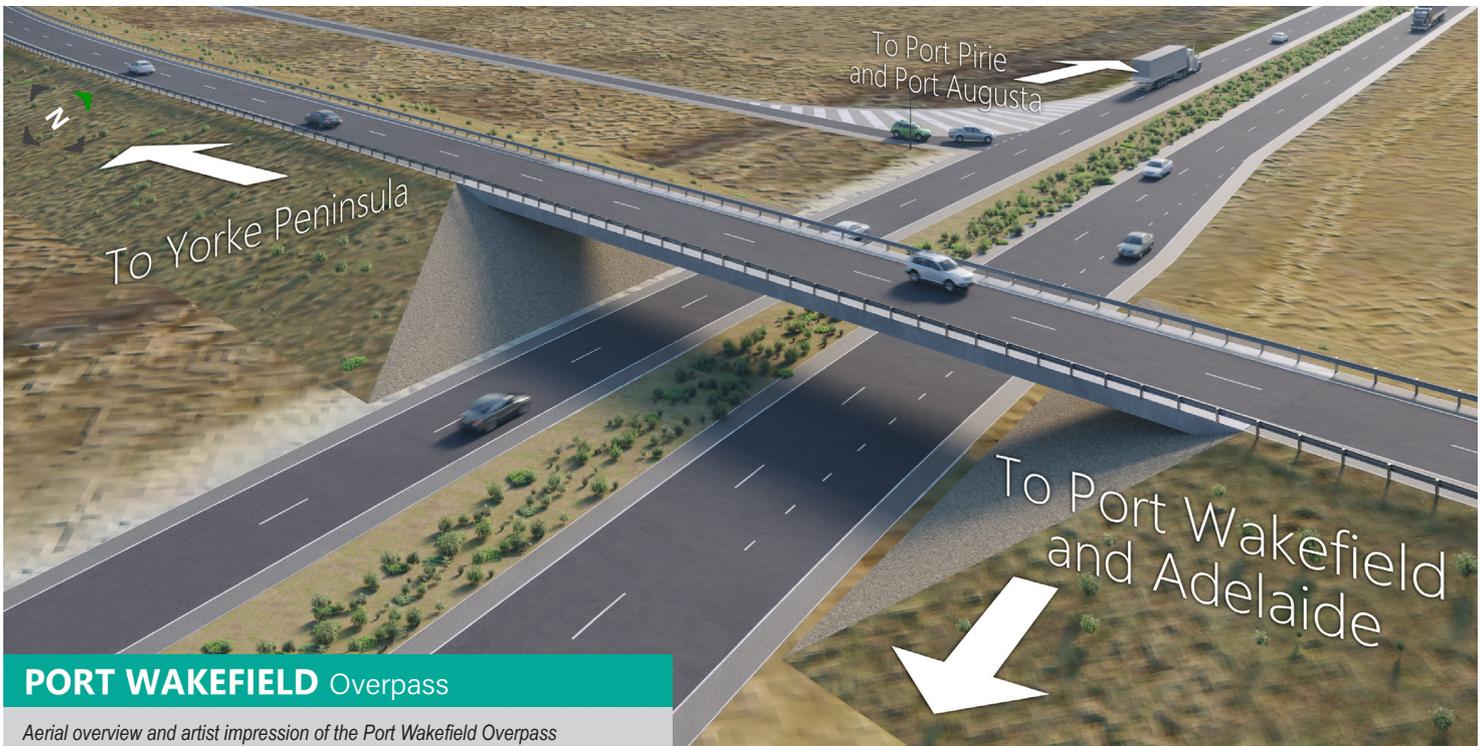


Project Design

The works include:

- Two lanes in each direction through the Port Wakefield township with provisions for safe U-turn movements.
- A realigned dual carriageway through the Port Wakefield township, allowing for increased parking and landscaping opportunities, as well as safer vehicle and pedestrian movements. This will make it safer to build and reduce disruption to motorists during construction.
- A realigned Balaklava Road intersection with the Port Wakefield Highway, allowing for safer turn movements.
- New bridges across the Wakefield River.
- A new two-lane overpass for traffic travelling southbound from the Copper Coast Highway to Port Wakefield, and for traffic travelling along the Augusta Highway to the Copper Coast Highway; and the new overpass will remove all hazardous at-grade turn movements at the intersection of the Port Wakefield Highway, Copper Coast Highway and Augusta Highway.

As part of the urban design delivery of the project, the Alliance will collaborate with Aboriginal Groups, Wakefield Regional Council and key stakeholders in the design and implementation of cultural elements to strengthen local identity, community pride and interpretation of place.



PORT WAKEFIELD Overpass

Aerial overview and artist impression of the Port Wakefield Overpass

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Key project milestone dates



Dates are approximate and are subject to change.

Site compound establishment and early works

From August 2020, the Alliance will establish a temporary site office at the former Tucker Time site on the Port Wakefield Highway, while the main site compound is being established just north of the BP Truckstop. The main site compound will consist of transportable office huts, a small amenities block and car parking for project staff. Two smaller compounds with laydown areas will also be established south of Port Wakefield on the Port Wakefield Highway and just north of the Copper Coast Highway intersection with the Augusta Highway. The project team will progressively move to site between August and October 2020.

In addition to setting up site offices, early works will include vegetation clearing and fencing works behind the service stations before construction of the new southbound lanes of the Port Wakefield Highway commence from late 2020. Traffic will remain on the existing highway and all traffic movements will be maintained while these works are undertaken. Speed restrictions will be in place and traffic signage will be prominently located to alert road users in advance of the works commencing.



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Project website

The PW2PA website – www.pw2pa.com.au is now live. The Alliance is proud to be associated with Webb Software, a family owned and operated Port Augusta business, who has designed the PW2PA website. Visit the website to get the most up-to-date information on project timelines, latest news, publications, photos and opportunities for community involvement.

You can also visit the website to register for project updates and provide feedback on your dealings with the Alliance. The website will be updated regularly and will be the main source of information about the Port Wakefield Overpass and Highway Duplication and other projects that are being undertaken by the PW2PA Alliance, including the Joy Baluch AM Bridge Duplication and the Augusta Highway Duplication Planning Study between Port Augusta and Port Wakefield.

Project phone and email

In addition to the website, you can also contact the project team on the 24/7 project enquiry line: 1300 161 407 or email at enquiries@pw2pa.com.au if you have any queries or require further information.

Supporting local business

The project team will engage with local businesses over the next couple of months to establish primary points of contact and to obtain operational information to feed into the design development and construction schedule.

The PW2PA Alliance will work closely with local businesses to provide timely information on construction activities and to develop a Business Support Strategy to support local businesses through the construction period. The strategy will include two-way communication and precinct wide business promotion options.

Coming soon

The SitePodium app will be available for the Port Wakefield Overpass and Highway Duplication Project in the coming weeks, which you will be able to download on your smart phone or other device. The app will present information in a social media feed style, allowing the latest information, including photos, to be accessed and shared quickly. Visit the PW2PA website for more information on when the app goes live.

Community Information Session

The PW2PA Alliance project team is holding a Community Information Session as detailed below:

Where: Eagles Sports & Community Centre, Drake Crescent Port Wakefield.

When: Thursday 13 August from 3pm – 7pm.

You are invited to meet members of the PW2PA project team and discuss the project, see the latest Port Wakefield Overpass and Highway Duplication concept design, provide feedback and find out ways you can get involved.

All members of the public are welcome. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to attend.

To ensure COVID-19 physical distancing requirements are met, attendees must register prior to attending the Information Session.

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