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A YEAR TO REMEMBER ON THE PORT RIVER EXPRESSWAY

It was one of the most challenging and complex engineering projects in South Australian history – but it has all been worth it.

Stage 1 of the Port River Expressway will celebrate its first birthday today – and what a year it's been.

The expressway not only accommodates some 19,000 vehicles a day but also significantly reduced traffic congestion and been recognised for environmental and construction excellence.

The \$91.5 million dollar expressway provides a direct route between Port Wakefield Road and Port Adelaide.

The Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure's Executive Director of Major Projects, Mr Rod Hook says the expressway has facilitated a major shift in traffic flows from neighbouring arterial roads.

"The numbers certainly add up and prove this project has been money well spent," Mr Hook said.

"Volumes on Grand Junction Road and Cormack Road having decreased by approximately 10,000 and 5,000 vehicles per day respectively.

"Volumes along South Road between Grand Junction Road and the expressway have also decreased by around 9,000 vehicles per day.

"This represents a total reduction in traffic congestion of approximately 25 per cent."

Additionally the department's contractor Bardavcol (in conjunction with Tonkin) was recently awarded two South Australian 2006 CASE Earth Awards for environmental and construction achievements.

The awards recognise and reward excellence, best practice and innovation in the field of environmental management of civil construction projects.

"I'm pleased to say that the department is now a finalist in the national awards with the winner to be announced later this year," Mr Hook said.

Stage 1 of the Port River Expressway was jointly funded by the State and Federal Governments under the Roads of National Importance Program.