



PORT RIVER EXPRESSWAY COMMUNITY UPDATE

Stage 1 update

Stage 1 of the Port River Expressway was officially opened to traffic on Tuesday 19 July 2005. This \$91.5 million, 5.5 kilometre stretch of road is servicing more than 18,000 vehicles each day, saving around 15 minutes in travel time between Port Wakefield Road and Port Adelaide.

Landscaping works along the expressway were completed in October 2005, with more than 300,000 trees, shrubs and native grasses planted along the Stage 1 corridor.

Stages 2 and 3 construction update

In July 2005, Abigroup Contractors Pty Ltd was awarded the contract to design, construct and maintain the Port River Expressway road and rail bridges across the Port River (Stages 2 and 3).

Local roadworks for Stage 2 of the project (road bridge) began in November 2005 and work is currently progressing to upgrade local roads associated with the project including:

- the construction of the new Eastern Bypass and St Vincent Street East, Port Adelaide; and
- vegetation clearance and traffic management at the intersection of Ocean Steamers Road and Francis Street, Port Adelaide.

Piling activities in the Port River commenced in December 2005. A temporary navigation channel has been established on the western side of the river during construction works and has been made visibly clear for mariners through the use of buoy markers. A bubble curtain has also been installed to protect the Port River dolphins during piling works. Works in the river will continue for approximately eight months.

Detailed design work for the road and rail bridges is well advanced and is expected to be complete by January 2006.

The rail bridge is expected to be complete by mid 2007, with the road bridge scheduled for completion in late 2007.

Community involvement

The Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure established a Community Liaison Group for Stages 2 and 3 of the project in August 2005 to discuss project works and facilitate information flow to the Port Adelaide community. The group consists of representatives from diverse organisations including the Port Adelaide Sailing Club, Todd Street Business Chambers, Port Adelaide Residents Environment Protection Group and SA Tall Ships Inc, to represent the broadest possible range of community and business interests and views.

The Community Liaison Group is proving to be a success, with members voicing their views on the project, exchanging valuable information relating to the detailed design and construction phases, and facilitating an open flow of information to the community. Each month, Community Liaison Group members are provided with ongoing opportunities to learn more about various aspects of the project through guest speakers.

In addition to the Community Liaison Group, community involvement activities for the project have included the development of a project brochure, key interested party meetings, letterbox drops about project activities and updates, public displays, community updates on progress of the project in the Portside Messenger, presentations and the development of a project website.

Project website

The Port River Expressway project website at www.dtei.sa.gov.au is regularly updated and provides extensive information on the project. An 'Interesting Facts and Frequently Asked Questions' section will soon be added to the site to address issues relating to the construction, design and traffic management of Stages 2 and 3. Photos and media releases relating to the project are also posted to the site providing the most up to date information on the project.

The big picture

The Port River Expressway project is the first stage of a comprehensive \$1 billion program of works initiated by the State Government and supported by the Australian Government's *AusLink Investment Program*. The improvements reinforce the port of Adelaide and Osborne Maritime Precinct as a vibrant centre of activity and a world-class import/export hub for the State.

Included in the program of works are: a new Grain Terminal, a Deep Sea Grain Wharf, a deepened Outer Harbor shipping channel, development of the Osborne Maritime Precinct resulting from the Air Warfare Destroyer contract, the upgrade of the LeFevre Peninsula rail freight corridor, the provision of LeFevre Peninsula headworks, the development of the Largs North Marine Precinct, improvements to the South Road Corridor and construction of the Northern Expressway from Salisbury Highway to Gawler via Port Wakefield Road.

Want to know more?

There are several ways you can find out more about the Port River Expressway project and provide comments and feedback. Updates of project progress will be available on the project website at: www.dtei.sa.gov.au.

If you would like to speak to a representative from Abigroup Contractors Pty Ltd about construction issues or general issues relating to the project please call 1300 130 653.

Alternatively, email the Port River Expressway team at: PortRiverExpressway@saugov.sa.gov.au or write to: Port River Expressway Project Team, Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure, PO Box 1, Walkerville SA 5081

Funding for the \$178 million Port River Expressway Road and Rail Bridges involves a joint contribution from State and Australian Governments through the *AusLink Investment Program*.

