

PortRiverExpressway



COMMUNITY UPDATE

EXPRESSWAY ON TRACK

Largely hidden from view, the Port River Expressway is taking shape behind the landfills, recycling depots and container terminals. The Expressway was due for completion in September 2004 but this date has been extended to May 2005 so the overpasses at South Road and Hanson Road junctions can be built.

EASTERN PARADE OVERPASS

Construction work for the Eastern Parade overpass, one of three overpasses being built for the Expressway, is well advanced with the majority of bright blue beams in place. The overpass will span 270 metres over the major freight rail line, where considerable delays for traffic are experienced due to trains queuing across the intersection. Completion of the \$10 million overpass is expected by October 2004.

SOUTH ROAD AND HANSON ROAD OVERPASSES

Work is underway constructing the overpasses at South Road and Hanson Road junctions. Special measures have been put into place to protect the wetlands, their functions and surrounding environment during the construction of the overpasses. The South Road overpass extends several hundred metres into the Barker Inlet Wetlands. Redesigning of the wetlands has taken place to preserve and improve their overall function. Improvements include deeper water ponds to limit dryness and contribute to better water quality.

GREENING THE EXPRESSWAY

Six hundred trees have been propagated and planted amongst a remnant vegetation area retained as part of the project. This forms part of preliminary work of a five-year contract to take care of this important area of vegetation. Species from this remnant vegetation will be used for landscaping on the Port River Expressway. More than 150,000 trees, shrubs and native grasses will be planted along the Expressway.

ROAD AND RAIL BRIDGES

Tenders were called for Stages 2 and 3, the Road and Rail Bridges, in April this year. A contract should be awarded early next year so construction can start early 2005 and be completed by late 2006. The Road and Rail Bridges, estimated to have a capital cost of approximately \$136 million will be delivered through a Design-Construct-Maintain-Operate contract.

Want to know more?

Regular updates of progress associated with the Port River Expressway project will be provided monthly through the *Portside Messenger*. General information about the Port River Expressway project can be viewed on the Transport SA website at www.transport.sa.gov.au or you can speak to a representative from the project team on 1300 130 653.



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