

Hon Stephen Mullighan MP Minister for Transport and Infrastructure

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More than \$44m of works completed during Outer Harbor, Grange line closure

More than \$44 million of upgrades to the Outer Harbor and Grange rail lines have been completed in the past three weeks, including a new bridge taking the rail line over South Road at Croydon, supporting hundreds of jobs.

More than 110 people worked on the installation of the 720-tonne steel bridge spanning South Road as part of the \$896m Torrens Road to River Torrens Project.

Data from the Traffic Management Centre shows drivers travelling south between Hawker Street and Port Road are already saving up to three minutes in travel time.

The bridge was fabricated by local company Samaras Group and features approximately 270 tonnes of Arrium steel for pile reinforcement, rail tracks and concrete deck reinforcement.

In all, more than 260 people were employed on a number of projects as part of a blitz of works on the Outer Harbor and Grange lines to maximise the closure.

Those projects include:

- An estimated \$1.5m of preliminary works on the \$258 million Torrens Rail Junction, including survey and service 'depthing' along the rail corridor and relocation of the boom gates on Park Terrace
- A \$4m upgrade to the 105m Port River rail bridge, extending its life by approximately 75 years
- \$150,000 on upgrades to the Grange, Taperoo, Peterhead, Ethelton, Cheltenham, Croydon and West Croydon stations, which will include repainting, installation of new bins and replacing damaged signs.
- A \$1.8m replacement of the train tracks between Woodville Station and Port Road, with the City of Charles Sturt spending \$550,000 on drainage works beneath the railway lines at Port Road
- \$500,000 of Outer Harbor line level crossing upgrades at Harris Street, Hargrave Street and Gedville Road
- \$1.1m to replace signalling cables along sections of the rail corridor

Background

The closure of the Outer Harbor and Grange rail lines was timed to coincide with the lowest patronage period of the year and substitute buses operated during the closure.

The \$896 million Torrens Road to River Torrens Project is jointly funded by the State and Commonwealth Governments on a 50:50 basis.

More information is available at the [T2T Alliance](#) website.

Quotes attributable to Transport and Infrastructure Minister Stephen Mullighan

More than 150 Grange and Outer Harbor train services pass through the level crossing at South Road every weekday, causing substantial disruptions to the flow of traffic on this major arterial road and freight route.

Separating this rail line from vehicle traffic has already helped to improve travel times for commuters, freight and transport vehicles and all road users who navigate this part of Adelaide's western suburbs every day.

Some of the greatest dangers around rail lines include queuing across level crossings, inattention and impatience. This project removes those dangers significantly improving safety.

The overpass and train line were able to be opened on schedule thanks to the hard work of more than 110 dedicated staff who worked around the clock to complete the works.

By using prefabricated bridge sections and installing them in three separate sections, the T2T Alliance has been able to minimise disruption to services on the Outer Harbor and Grange lines.

We would like to thank passengers and the local community for their patience and cooperation during this essential closure for these important major works on the road and rail corridors.

It has been disruptive but the benefits will be immense – less congestion, improved travel times and better public transport for passengers in Adelaide's west.

By taking advantage of the summer holiday period the disruptions were restricted to the quietest time of the year for rail services, and we were able to take advantage of the closure to complete other major works along this important public transport corridor.

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