

Big win for motorists with Torrens to Torrens extension

SA Minister for Transport and Infrastructure

Motorists will travel non-stop even further along South Road between Torrens Road and the River Torrens after a competitive tender provided greater value for money to taxpayers.

The tender for the \$896 million project will be awarded to an alliance consisting of Leighton Contractors, Aurecon Australia and South Australian company York Civil.

Assistant Federal Infrastructure Minister Jamie Briggs said a new exit point to the north of Hawker Street has been identified for the non-stop motorway portion of the project from Torrens Road to the River Torrens.

“We are getting on with building better projects at less cost to taxpayers with the lowered section of road now extended by an extra 600 metres,” Mr Briggs said.

“There will be no increase to the project cost, which involves a 3 kilometre section of non-stop road between Torrens Road in Ridleyton and Ashwin Parade in Torrensville, with a 2 kilometre section of lowered road.

“Our joint \$1.5 billion investment to build both the Torrens Road to River Torrens upgrade and the Darlington Interchange will create hundreds of local jobs and drive economic growth by improving the capacity of Adelaide's transport network.”

The lowered non-stop motorway will provide three lanes in each direction, set approximately 8 metres below the existing surface of South Road, and motorists will avoid intersections with Port Road, Grange Road and Hawker Street, and the Outer Harbor rail crossing.

South Australian Transport and Infrastructure Minister Stephen Mullighan said the new road would cater for more than twice the volume of traffic which currently uses the road.

“Today up to 52,000 vehicles a day use the road but once completed this section of the North-South Corridor will be able to cater for projected growth of up to 115,000,” Mr Mullighan said.

“This project will also increase safety for pedestrians and cyclists with improved footpaths and improved connections to cycling routes such as the Outer Harbor Greenway. It will cut travel times for motorists and other road users while improving traffic flows and reducing congestion on Port and Grange roads.”

Construction of the Torrens Road to River Torrens project is due to start in mid-2015 and the project is due for completion by the end of 2018. The Australian and South Australian governments are each providing \$448 million to deliver the upgrade.

More information can be found at www.infrastructure.sa.gov.au/t2t