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North-South corridor works set to boost local businesses

Transport and Infrastructure Minister Stephen Mullighan today encouraged local firms to attend an industry briefing to ensure they reap the maximum economic rewards from the \$1.5 billion North-South corridor upgrades.

“The briefing will update the status of both the Torrens to Torrens and Darlington projects, and focus on the proposed procurement and tendering process, construction time frames and potential construction packages,” Mr Mullighan said.

“South Australia’s Industry Participation Advocate Ian Nightingale will outline opportunities for local industry participation.

“As well as delivering the projects for the best value, we’re keen to deliver broader benefits from the projects to South Australia such as local employment and industry opportunities.

“As with all major infrastructure projects, the State Government will require 20 per cent of total labour hours be carried out by apprentices and trainees, Aboriginal workers and people with barriers to employment.

“Projects of this nature have great potential for local industry – in the Southern Expressway project, 86 per cent of all subcontracts went to local contractors and suppliers.

“For the Superway, two-thirds of sub-contracts went to local contractors.”

Mr Mullighan said together, the projects will be one of the largest road infrastructure projects undertaken in South Australia.

“Not only are the upgrades expected to create around 850 jobs a year during construction, they will also provide a massive long term economic boost for the state by improving travel time reliability for freight,” Mr Mullighan said.

“These two projects will transform Adelaide by connecting communities, creating jobs and easing congestion.

“Engaging with business and industry from the outset means we can maximise the benefit to local firms and workers.”

Minister Mullighan said community engagement is also a high priority for the Government during the planning, design and construction of both projects.

“The State Government will embark on one of the broadest community consultation programs of any infrastructure project in this state,” Mr Mullighan said.

“We will work closely with community groups and local businesses affected by construction, and will continue to engage with local residents and stakeholders on specific design elements throughout the project.”

Today’s announcement was made at the new Darlington Site Office, which is open to the community from 9.00 am – 5.00 pm Monday – Friday (or by appointment), to meet with project team members and discuss any aspects of the project.

The industry briefing will be held at 77 Grenfell Street, Adelaide on Thursday, 26 June from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon.

For further information or to register to attend the industry briefing, please contact the Department of Planning, Transport & Infrastructure on 8343 2625.