



Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure

## Media Release

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## USE THE SOUTH ROAD SUPERWAY AND SAVE TIME NORTHBOUND LANES TO OPEN ON THURSDAY NIGHT

South Australia's first elevated roadway - the South Road Superway - is now substantially complete with the opening of the Northbound lanes tonight at midnight.

The \$842 million South Road Superway project is the biggest single investment in a South Australian road project, and the state's most complex engineering road construction project to date.

Traffic will be allowed onto the Northbound lanes of the structure that is signed as the North-South Motorway M2 from midnight tonight. The Southbound carriageway was opened to traffic in January this year and some works at-grade including landscaping will continue over the next few months.

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) Chief Executive Rod Hook said that the 2.8km elevated roadway will cut travel times by up to seven minutes for up to 45,000 vehicles that use this section of the road every day, a significant benefit for South Australian motorists.

"The elevated structure will improve safety and efficiency of freight transport, reducing the impact of peak hour traffic congestion," he said.

"Improved connections and service roads under and parallel with the Superway will provide access to properties and local roads along the existing South Road alignment.

"Pedestrians and cyclists will be accommodated on the ground level and on local roads."

The Superway project supported approximately 2750 jobs during construction and the complex engineering involved in the project developed the local industry.

The new elevated roadway will be designated as the North-South Motorway M2 and maps showing how to use the new structure to access or travel through the local area are available on the website.

Visit <u>www.infrastructure.sa.gov.au</u> for further information.

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