

Hon Stephen Mullighan MP Minister for Transport and Infrastructure

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Tender process begins for \$55m Gawler East Link Road

Tenders will be called tomorrow to design and construct the 5.5 kilometre Gawler East Link Road to connect Main North Road with residential developments in the eastern part of the town.

The \$55 million project will support approximately 110 construction jobs during construction, with major works expected to start early next year.

It will also include new traffic signals and an upgrade of the Main North Road intersection with Potts and Para roads, as well as an upgrade to Potts Road, and a bridge over the South Para River.

The road will cater to new residential developments underway in Gawler East, Gawler South, and Evanston Park, which are expected to create 3500 new dwellings housing an extra 8400 residents.

The Gawler East Link Road will also provide an alternate route for existing residents in Gawler East to access Main North Road, helping to reduce vehicle traffic through the Gawler town centre.

Developers, including Springwood Communities, and the Town of Gawler are expected to contribute more than \$8 million to the cost of the new road, which will stimulate investment in these residential developments, in turn boosting the local economy and creating jobs.

Major construction is expected to commence early 2018 and be completed in 2019, weather permitting.

Background

The Gawler East Link Road will be a local road with one lane in each direction, including bicycle lanes and new footpath.

Further information is available at the [Gawler East Link project](#) website.

For further information on the tender including tender documents, go to the [Tenders SA](#) website.

Quotes attributable to Transport and Infrastructure Minister Stephen Mullighan

The construction of the Gawler East Link Road represents a massive investment by the State Government in the future of Gawler.

This \$55 million project will not only help to reduce the congestion and delays in the Gawler town centre, it will provide a critical link to growth areas of the district while creating more than jobs during construction.

The flow-on effects are expected to be even greater. Building this road will help to spur investment in the residential developments in Gawler and that will lead to more construction jobs for locals.

Quotes attributable to Member for Light Tony Piccolo

It is really pleasing to see the next stage of the Gawler East Link Road is underway.

With the addition of thousands of new houses in Gawler East and beyond, local residents will benefit greatly from the redirection of traffic out of the town centre and directly onto Main North Road.

This will improve travel times, as well as reduce the likelihood of crashes and vehicle emissions caused by travel delays.

Quotes attributable to Gawler Mayor Karen Redman

This next stage of the project will provide an important confidence booster to our local economy which is good news for Gawler and the wider region.

The Gawler East Link Road and associated traffic and community infrastructure delivery is a great example of how State and Local Government with the Private Sector have worked together to achieve positive community benefits.

The total investment in infrastructure for the Gawler East area is estimated at \$80.1m and is expected to be delivered over the next 15 years.