

# **Construction Newsletter**

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## Torrens Road to River Torrens Project Update

It's been a busy three months with a number of important milestones delivered across the Torrens Road to River Torrens Project, including:

- The final layer of asphalt on Port Road between Queen Street, Croydon and Coglin Street, Hindmarsh. The last major piece of road work on this important boulevard enabled east west traffic movements to be maintained during the planned closure of South Road for surface road works.
- Major finishing works across the project including the installation of new traffic islands, footpaths and kerbing, pavement and centre median works in preparation for the laying of the final asphalt on the South Road surface road.
- A community celebration which enabled people who live and work in the local area to experience the North-South Motorway before it was opened to traffic.

- The completion of works within the North-South Motorway and its staged opening to traffic, leading to improved traffic flow, reduced travel times and traffic congestion.
- Commissioning of Adelaide's most advanced Intelligent Transport System to provide full traffic management monitoring throughout the motorway.
- Finished laying in excess of 70,000 recycled bricks forming an architectural feature on the rail embankments of the Outer Harbor rail overpass.
- The efficient and safe completion of the final layer of asphalt on the South Road surface roads from Pym Street, Croydon Park to Ashwin Parade, Torrensville over two consecutive weekends.
- Opening of the Linear Path Trail following completion of works to widen Taylor Bridge.



Architectural brick features installed on Outer Harbor rail overpass embankments

## Upcoming milestones



Second

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• Final line marking and bicycle path delineations on South Road

• Hard and soft landscaping works completed

## Community Celebration

### On Sunday 23 September 2018, approximately 5,000 people took the opportunity to experience the lowered motorway before its opening to traffic.

Around 1,000 cyclists, walkers and runners (plus a handful of dogs) participated in the morning community 'ride' before the main celebrations commenced at 11am.

The main celebration saw members of the community gather under the Port Road bridge to enjoy a free sausage sizzle served by the hard-working members of the West Torrens Rotary Club. The crowd was entertained by the West Torrens Concert Band, the Woodville Concert Band, Nancy Bates a local singer songwriter and other local performers.

Community stalls provided food and refreshments and a number of local businesses set up information displays promoting their goods and services.

Guided bus tours of the lowered motorway proved to be a real winner, providing an opportunity for those attending to learn how the project was delivered and how the lowered road will operate.

The day was a great success and provided the opportunity for the T2T Project team to thank people living and working in the local area and motorists for their patience during construction.













## Landscaping

### The local area is changing as we start landscaping across the project.

Trees removed as part of the project are being replaced with mature native evergreen trees along the road verges and medians, where room is available. Pockets of deciduous trees will be introduced in community parks and other open space areas where appropriate.

Water efficient plantings including native shrubs, grasses and ground covers will form the understorey planting in a number of locations across the project footprint.

The verges, the area between the kerb and the footpath, will be compacted rubble and planted with mature trees where space is available, with each tree being surrounded by approximately 750mm of mulch. The decision to remove the grasses from this area was based on the long term sustainability of the landscaping, allowing the verges to be maintained while not impacting on traffic flow along South Road, and more importantly not endangering the safety of maintenance personnel over the long haul.

Delivering on our commitment to achieve a net gain of greater than 20% in biodiversity value, compared with the pre-construction value, means we are planting more trees than existed prior to construction, while also improving the amenity of the local area.

Small parks are to be established along the corridor incorporating a range of active and passive recreational activities for the community. Some parks will include playgrounds, barbeque facilities, seating and shelter structures, making the open spaces more desirable locations for the community.

Local nurseries have been growing and maintaining trees bought by the project in 2017 enabling mature trees to be planted.

## Did you know?

Landscaping across the project area includes:

- Over 800 mature trees
- Approximately 50,000 plants
- 25,000m<sup>2</sup> of organic mulch
- 20,000m<sup>2</sup> of hydro seed turf
- 10,000m<sup>2</sup> of instant turf
- 3.2km of mainline irrigation
- 44km of dripline irrigation



## Landscaping cont.

# Some of the key landscape features include:

- William Street Park, Croydon, this park was designed by members of the Croydon community who participated in a working group last year, along with T2T Alliance, DPTI and City of Charles Sturt representatives. The park features native play space areas, a barbeque area, seating and shelter, along with a community chalk board and an etched urban design feature panel on the back of the noise wall. A memorial and small reflection space to honour the former Church of Christ, also features in this park.
- Jervois Avenue Park, West Hindmarsh, following feedback from the local community and our consultation process, this park now includes gym equipment and a fenced area for dogs.
- The stormwater detention basins located at Harriet Street, Flanders Street, Lamont

Street, Princes Street and Forster Street, each including key landscaping elements.

- The Outer Harbor shared use path ramp linking to McInnes Street.
- The Port Road grassed median with a formalised row of trees near Queen Street.
- Parcels of land adjacent South Road between the footpath and the noise wall will contain a combination of trees, ground cover and grass depending on the size of the area.

The landscaping plans have been finalised in consultation with local Councils and DPTI to ensure they are sustainable.

Landscaping works have commenced and will continue into the New Year, the placement of top soil and plantings will be timed to maximise survival rates and avoid planting in the heat of summer.

More detail on planting species is available on the project website, please visit www.t2talliance.com.au

# Happy holidays from the T2T Alliance

The T2T Alliance would like to wish everyone a safe and happy festive season and thank local residents, businesses and road users for their patience while the Torrens Road to River Torrens Project is being completed.

The T2T Project team will take a break from Friday 21 December 2018 until Wednesday 2 January 2019. There will be no planned construction works during the break.

The Community Enquiries line **Ph: 1300 794 899** will remain operational during this time.

## For more information and enquiries

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