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SUPERWAY DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT CONTRACT AWARDED

The first major milestone has been reached in delivering South Australia's most complex engineering project, the \$812 million South Road Superway.

Federal Infrastructure and Transport Minister, Anthony Albanese and South Australian Transport Minister, Patrick Conlon said the design and construction contract had been awarded to Urban Superway Joint Venture, comprising John Holland Pty Ltd, McMahon Contractors Pty Ltd and Leed Engineering and Construction Pty Ltd.

The delivery of one of Australia's longest elevated roads will be the largest single transport infrastructure investment ever made in South Australia – with work to swing into action in February.

It will also be the most complex road project ever undertaken in this State, a project the likes of which has not been seen since construction of the Heysen Tunnels.

"The Gillard and Rann Labor Governments are committed to the development of strategic transport projects that underpin vibrant, competitive and sustainable communities," Minister Albanese said.

"Less than two months ago the Gillard Government opened the \$564 million Northern Expressway and the South Road Superway is another example of our unprecedented recognition of and commitment to South Australia's transport priorities."

"A project the size and scope of the South Road Superway goes to the very core of our Nation Building program, an initiative that kept Australia out of recession and continues to create jobs."

"As part of the National Land Transport Network, South Road is a vital link in a nationwide program of investment to promote economic growth, reduce congestion and make our roads safer for all who use them."

Minister Conlon said the South Road Superway formed the centrepiece of the Rann Government's \$432 million investment in Adelaide's dedicated north-south corridor.

"Traffic growth projections for this area identify that congestion will stifle economic growth if left unchecked, making investment in the northern end of South Road a critical step in delivering Adelaide's dedicated north-south corridor," Minister Conlon said.

“This project will deliver us a world-class infrastructure project and builds on the ongoing investment in the region including the Outer Harbor and Osborne Maritime Precinct, the Port River Expressway and bridges and Northern Expressway projects.”

“We look forward to major construction getting underway in the next few months to complement the great work already focussed on traffic efficiency, safety, the employment of local people, up-skilling of our construction industry, and community engagement.”

The South Road Superway will feature:

- a 2.8 kilometre elevated roadway
- a two-way service road underneath the elevated roadway
- at-grade signalised intersections at Cormack Road, Grand Junction Road, Kateena Street and Days Road
- urban design and landscaping with a mix of indigenous shrubs, groundcovers and grasses
- the most advanced motorway management system integrated into the Traffic Management Centre.

It will provide improved transit times, better accessibility to the Port of Adelaide and key industrial hubs in the north and northwest of Adelaide, reduced greenhouse emissions and improved road safety.

Construction is expected to be completed in late 2013.

People interested in the South Road Superway project can call 1300 638 789 or visit www.infrastructure.sa.gov.au for more information.

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