

South Australian Regional Bridge Upgrades

Project Update - Onkaparinga Valley Road, Oakbank

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) is upgrading a series of bridges and culverts across regional South Australia to extend the service life of the structures and improve safety for road users.

Works are currently underway to upgrade the bridge over the Onkaparinga River tributary, near the intersection of Beasley, and Onkaparinga Valley roads, Oakbank. As part of the project the Department is now taking this opportunity to include shoulder widening and additional handrailing at this location to improve road safety and provide improved connectivity to other upgrade works recently undertaken along Onkaparinga Valley Road.

What to expect

The shoulder widening and handrailing works are expected to commence in early September 2023, weather permitting. Bridge works will continue to be undertaken between 7am and 5pm, Monday to Friday and between 7am and 3pm on Saturdays. Speed and lane restrictions will remain in place.

In preparation for the additional works approximately 12 non-native trees and surrounding vegetation, located immediately north-west of the culvert will be impacted. Vegetation removal works are expected to be undertaken early September 2023 and will take approximately one to two days, weather permitting. Every effort will continue to be made to reduce impacts.

Vegetation removal will be managed in accordance with the Departments Vegetation Impact Assessment guideline, including an offset payment to the Department's Amenity Planting Fund. Vegetation removal will be carefully undertaken by a suitably qualified arborist. All trees will be inspected prior to removal and if fauna is found, it will be relocated by appropriately qualified professionals.

Access to properties will be maintained throughout the works wherever possible, with advance notice provided if there is a need to restrict driveway access temporarily.

Some noise disturbance can be expected at times while these works are completed, however the work will be managed to minimise disturbance to nearby residents and businesses, as much as practically possible. Every effort will be made to minimise impacts to the community.

Prior to project completion, road resurfacing works are also required. These works are expected to occur at night and commence late September 2023, weather permitting. Advance notice will be provided prior to these works commencing.

Upgrades to the bridge and the additional works are expected to be completed in October 2023, weather permitting. The Department appreciates your co-operation and patience while these important works are undertaken.

For more information or to register to receive project updates please call us on **1300 794 880**, email us at DIT.Engagement@sa.gov.au or visit dit.sa.gov.au/SARegionalBridges

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