

# South Eastern Freeway Upgrade Project – Heysen Tunnels

## Start of main works – Adelaide bound tunnel

As part of the South Eastern Freeway Upgrade, the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) is undertaking a major upgrade of the Heysen Tunnels to address current tunnel elements nearing the end of their service life, improve safety and provide improved traffic management and incident response capabilities.

The Australian and South Australian governments are jointly funding the Heysen Tunnels Refit and Safety Upgrade, which is expected to be completed in the second half of 2024.

Initial activities, including investigation works and tunnel lining repairs commenced on Sunday, 19 March 2023.

### **Main works are planned to start from Sunday, 14 May 2023.**

To minimise the impacts to road users, the majority of works are being undertaken **Sunday to Thursday between 7pm and 6am**. It is not anticipated that works will be undertaken on **Friday and Saturday nights or public holidays**, however advance notice will be provided by on site messaging boards if this changes.

**From Sunday, 14 May 2023, the Adelaide bound (down track) tunnel will close between 8pm and 6am (traffic restrictions from 7pm)**. During these closure times, the Crafers bound (up track) tunnel will accommodate traffic in both directions, via contraflow (see map over the page for detail).

As main works progress, closures will alternate between the up track and down track tunnels for the life of the project.

## Changed traffic conditions

During main works, speed will be restricted to 40km/h in both directions on the approach to the tunnels and through the open tunnel.

From 6am each morning, traffic arrangements will return to normal. The down track tunnel will reopen and posted speed limits will be reinstated for both carriageways.

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## Additional Work Activities

Additional nearby tunnel and freeway work activities will occur in off-peak times to minimise disruptions to road users.

Activities will include geotechnical investigations, pit inspections, topographic surveys, service locating and external structural work.

**Both tunnels will remain open whilst the additional activities are underway.** To safely undertake these works, temporary lane restrictions will be in place adjacent the scheduled work zones. Speed will be restricted to 40km/h on approach to and through the worksite where works are scheduled.

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**Advance notice of changes to traffic management will be provided via on site messaging boards.**

Please plan ahead, allow extra travel time and take extra care when workers are on site. Observe speed limits, lane restrictions and traffic controllers when travelling through the area.

Access for emergency service vehicles and to all safety ramps will be maintained at all times during these works and there is no change to public transport services. In the event of a bushfire in the area, if required, works will cease and the tunnels will reopen.

The Department appreciates your patience and co-operation whilst these important works are undertaken.

For more information on the project and to subscribe for project updates, please:

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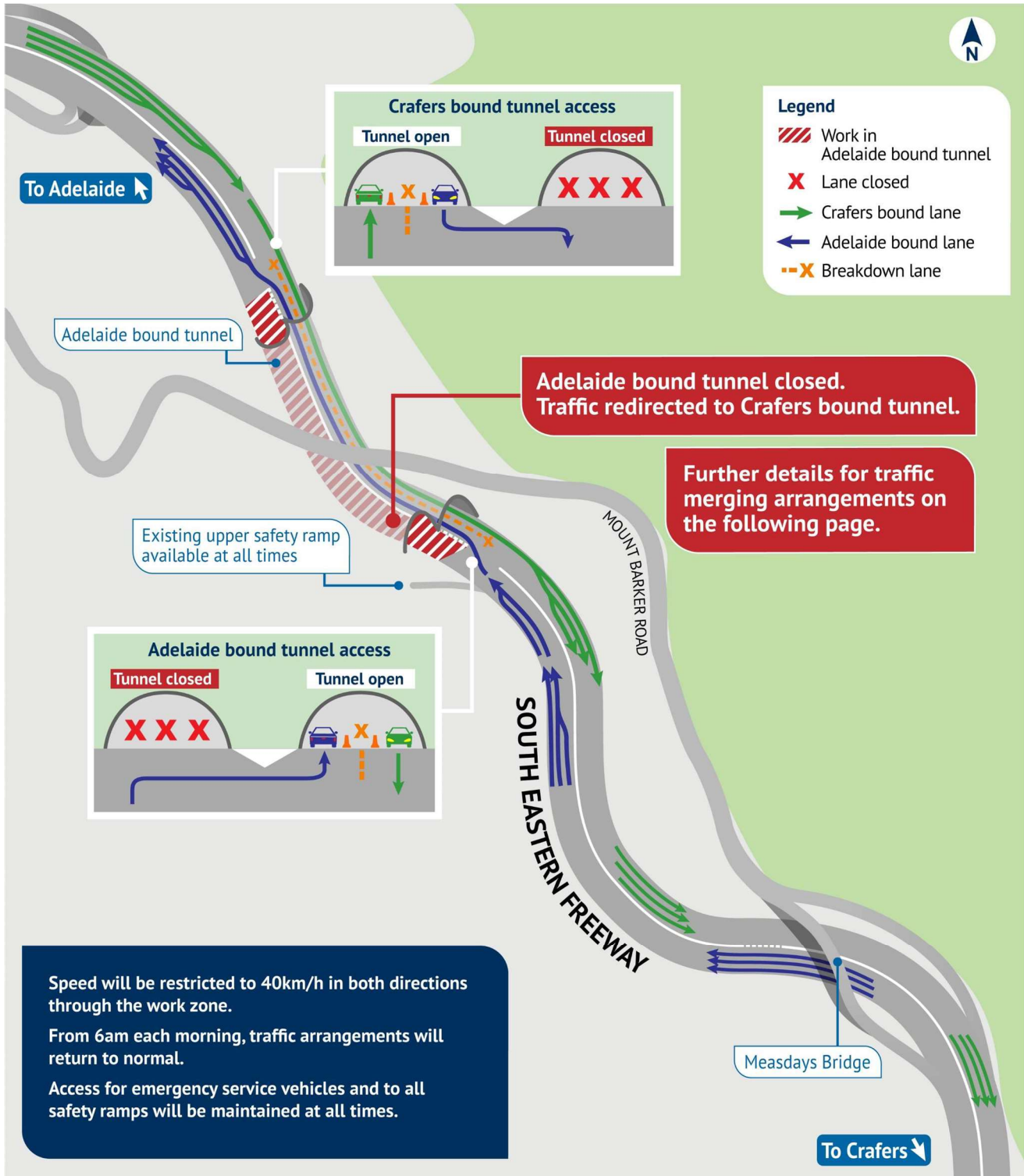
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Kind Regards  
South Eastern Freeway Upgrade Project Team

Heysen Tunnels Refit and Safety Upgrade

# Heysen Tunnels, Adelaide Tunnel: Night Works Traffic Restrictions

From Sunday, 14 May 2023 (weather permitting)



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## Traffic merging arrangements

