

# South Eastern Freeway Upgrade Project – Heysen Tunnels

## Works Notification

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 Safety Upgrade, which is expected to be completed in second half of 2024.

Initial activities, including investigation works and tunnel lining repairs commenced on Sunday, 19 March 2023 with the majority of works being undertaken Sundays to Thursdays between 7pm and 6am.

Additional tunnel investigation activities are scheduled to be undertaken (weather permitting) **between 9am and 10pm on Friday, 21 April and Friday, 28 April 2023.**

These additional works will occur in off-peak times to minimise disruptions to road users, with Crafers bound (up-track) tunnel works scheduled from 9am to 2pm and Adelaide bound (down-track) tunnel works scheduled from 2pm to 10pm. Activities include investigation of rock walls adjacent to the tunnel entrances, and pit inspections within the tunnels.

### Changed traffic conditions.

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

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.

As the project progresses, advance notice of changes to traffic management will be provided via on site messaging boards, project updates and social media.

The Department appreciates your patience and cooperation while these important works are undertaken. For more information on the project and to subscribe for project updates, please:

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