

South Eastern Freeway Upgrade Project – Heysen Tunnels

Works Notification/Tunnel Switch – Crafers 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 Project, which is expected to be completed in the second half of 2024.

To minimise the impacts to road users, the majority of works are being undertaken Sundays to Thursdays between 7pm and 6am. It is not anticipated that project 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 Tuesday, 13 June 2023, the Crafers bound (up-track) tunnel will close between 8pm and 6am (traffic restrictions from 7pm). During these closure times, the Adelaide bound (down-track) tunnel will accommodate traffic in both directions, via contraflow (see map below for detail).

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

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

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 up-track tunnel will reopen and posted speed limits will be reinstated for both carriageways.

Additional work activities

Additional nearby tunnel and freeway work activities will continue 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.

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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Regular tunnel maintenance works (not associated with this project) will continue as required and may involve occasional night works on Friday and day and night works on Saturday.

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 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:

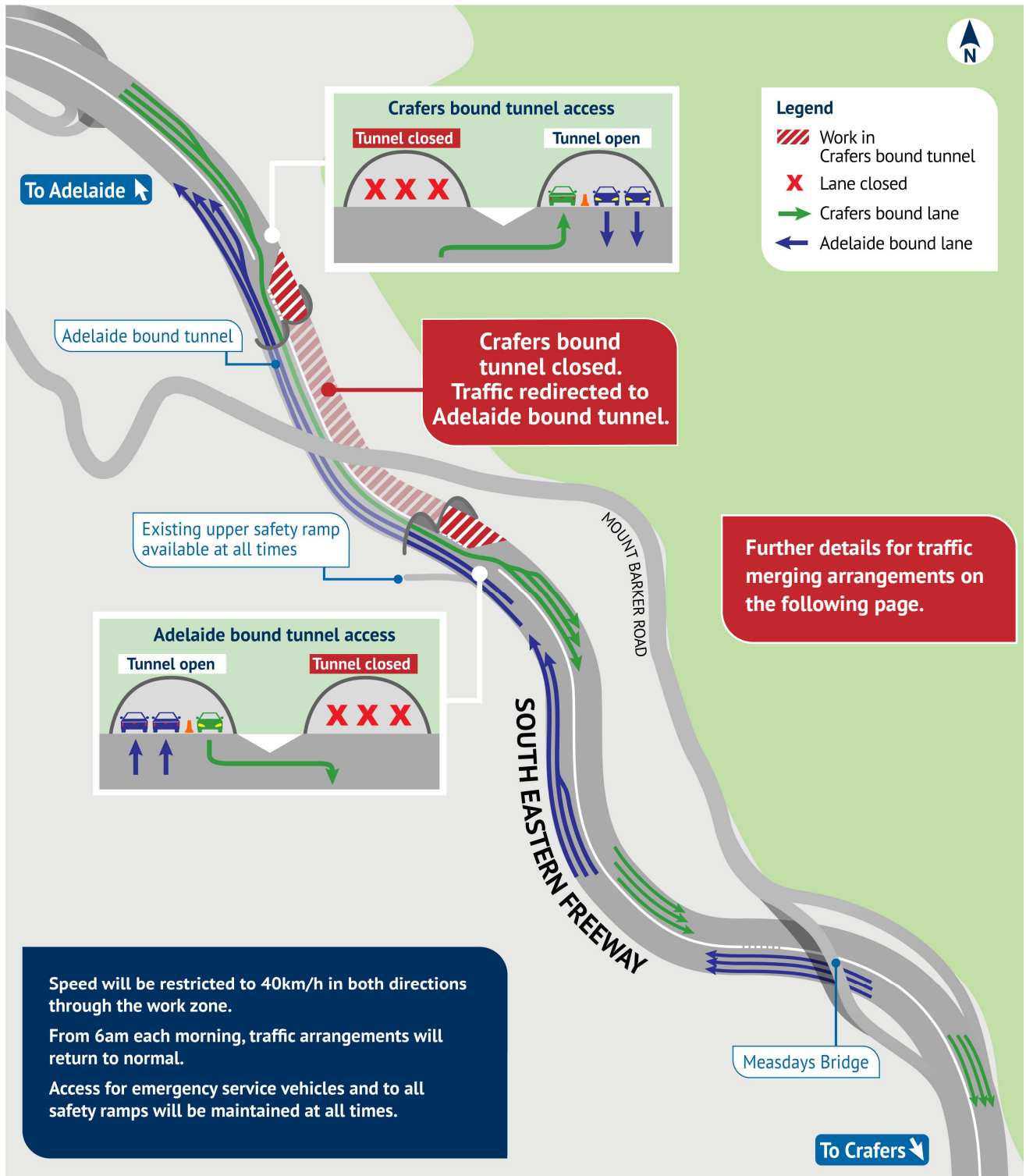
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Kind Regards
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Crafers bound tunnel closed at night during working hours from Tuesday, 13 May 2023





Legend

-  Work in Crafers bound tunnel
-  Crafers bound lane
-  Adelaide bound lane

