



The Rural City of
**MURRAY
BRIDGE**

Bridge to Opportunity

Local Government Centre
2 Seventh Street (PO Box 421)
Murray Bridge SA 5253

T 08 8539 1100
F 08 8532 2766

council@murraybridge.sa.gov.au
www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au

ABN 90 501 266 817

MEDIA RELEASE

Subject: Ferries McDonald Road- Phase one completed

Media Contact: Malcolm Downie
Acting Manager Sustainable Development

Contact Details: Direct line: 8539 1145
Mobile: 0439 891 355
Email: m.downie@murraybridge.sa.gov.au

Date: 11 July 2012

Stage 1 of the Ferries McDonald Road redevelopment from Chauncey's Line Road intersection through the Conservation Park to the Garwood Road intersection was completed during the first week of July 2012. The Rural City of Murray Bridge is pleased with the progress made on the redevelopment of Ferries McDonald Road that forms part of the preferred north-south freight transport corridor from the South Coast through the Barossa Valley to the Sturt Highway.

Stage 1 of the project was allocated a construction budget of \$2.3 million in 2011-12 with the actual expenditure being \$1.8 million (excluding sealing works which will cost \$0.3M and be undertaken in September 2012) representing a saving of some \$0.2M.

Stage 1 of the project commenced on 27 February 2012 with works focusing on the Chauncey's Line Road/ Ferries McDonald Road intersection. Whilst constructing the new intersection a significant area of native vegetation has been preserved in line with one of the project's goals of protecting as much native vegetation as possible.

The next phase of the project was to conduct vegetation clearance through the Road Reserve within the Ferries McDonald Conservation Park in accordance with State Government approvals. Once the clearance was completed the earthworks was able to begin along with the excavation of the first three crests. Within the first week of May 2012 major earthworks at Chauncey's Line Road/ Ferries McDonald Road intersection was completed. The new realigned section of Kangaroo Road was opened for use and the old section of Kangaroo Road at its junction with Chauncey's Line Road was closed. This enabled the redundant sections of Kangaroo Road and Chauncey's Line Road to be reinstated with top soil that contained native vegetation seed bank that had been stockpiled from the initial clearance.

The next phase of the project focused on the re-alignment of the Garwood Road intersection, with major earthworks and the shaping of batters. New boundary fences were erected as well as the relocation of Telstra and water services. During July, detailed design work will be completed for the first 4kms of Stage 2 of the project from Garwood Rd to the SE Freeway with construction works recommencing in early August 2012.

Photo Opportunity:

END



Photo Opportunity: