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\$4M STUDY FOR SOUTH TRANSPORT

A \$4m Transport Sustainability Study into Adelaide's urban congestion problems will investigate extending the Tonsley Rail line to the Flinders Medical Centre.

The study will also tackle the complex engineering issues in extending the Noarlunga rail line across the Onkaparinga River - and further into the South.

The ground-breaking study, which was funded in the Federal budget, was announced today by Federal Transport Minister Anthony Albanese and SA Transport Minister Patrick Conlon.

Minister for the Southern Suburbs John Hill and Member for the Federal Seat of Kingston Amanda Rishworth joined Minister Conlon at Flinders Medical Centre for the announcement.

Minister Hill said the State Government had already committed \$34.1 million in funding to buying land for a rail corridor to Aldinga.

"This rail study will be another step forward towards extending the Noarlunga line to Seaford and Aldinga," he said.

"This is great news for the South," Ms Rishworth said. "This study will be a really strong step forward in providing more transport links to the South."

The Commonwealth and State Governments have agreed the \$4m study will focus on:

- Investigating a massive park-and-ride interchange and Transit Orientated Development on an extended Tonsley line.
- Detailed analysis of infrastructure difficulties in extending the Noarlunga rail line over the Onkaparinga River.
- Investigating grade separation of the ARTC and TransAdelaide rail lines at Torrens Junction near Brompton.
- Other capacity improvements to key urban road and rail intersections close to the city.

“The Federal Government recognises the role public transport can play to alleviate urban congestion within the context of a carbon-constrained world facing the challenges of climate change,” Mr Albanese said.

“Public transport is a vital component of getting cars off the road and moving freight more quickly.”

Mr Conlon said the agreement showed the commitment of the new Rudd Labor Government and also endorsed the State Government’s recent budget.

“We have put our money on the table with a \$2billion announcement on budget day,” he said.

“I commend Mr Albanese and his Government for having the courage to open the debate on public transport at a Federal level.

“It is now very clear that urban congestion is on the national agenda and I am confident we have some very exciting projects to suggest for funding.”

In May, the Federal Government announced \$20b for the Infrastructure Australia Fund.