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WORK STARTS ON SEAFORD RAIL EXTENSION

Work is underway on the $291 million project to extend the Noarlunga rail line to Seaford, providing quick, quiet and reliable transport for the southern suburbs.

The Minister for the Southern Suburbs, John Hill joined Federal MP for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth to view work on the first detailed geotechnical surveys of the route.

"The people of the southern suburbs have been calling for this extension and now we're looking forward to better, quicker and greener public transport in the south." Minister Hill said.

"This construction project will create more than 400 jobs over the next four years and there will be permanent jobs in this area in the future for drivers, maintenance workers and station staff.

"The extremely efficient progress to date on this project is another example of how the Rudd Labor Government is delivering for Australia," Ms Rishworth said.

"The program is about jobs and it is wonderful to see work underway just four months after the Treasurer and Minister Albanese announced the funding for the extension."

The first work on site will involve geotechnical investigations at around 50 locations along the rail corridor, with a mounted rig boring holes to a depth of approximately 20 metres to ascertain the ground profile of the area, which will inform the detailed design of the extension.

The extension of the dual track rail line from Noarlunga to Seaford will include:

- Stations and a bus/train interchange at the Seaford rail terminus, as well as Park and Ride facilities at Seaford Meadows;
- South Australia's longest (1.2 kilometre) elevated bridge over the Onkaparinga River and River Road as well as a rail bridge over Old Honeypot Road;
- Three new road bridges over the track at Goldsmith Drive, Seaford Road and Lynton Terrace;
- New accesses and footbridges for cyclists and pedestrians; and
- Landscaping and urban design features at selected locations.

Construction of the extension is expected to start mid 2010 with electric train services to be operating in 2013, in line with the completion of electrification of the Noarlunga line.

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