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SEAFORD RAIL EXTENSION MOVES FORWARD – PLANNING CONTRACTS AWARDED

The Federal Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth, welcomes the Federal Infrastructure and Transport Minister, Anthony Albanese, and South Australian Transport and Infrastructure Minister, Patrick Conlon, announcement that two major contracts have been awarded for pre-construction work on the Seaford Rail Extension.

The contracts have been awarded to engineering firm KBR to undertake the necessary planning, design and environmental assessment work, as well as the engineering firm URS to undertake geotechnical investigations.

Ms Rishworth said the awarding of these contracts just months after the project was announced is a true demonstration of the Rudd Government's commitment to deliver the much anticipated rail to Seaford as quickly as possible.

"This project is what the Rudd Labor Government's *Nation Building for Recovery* strategy is all about – jobs and infrastructure for the future," said Ms Rishworth.

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;
- A new 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.

It has been reported by the State Government Minister for Transport, Hon Patrick Conlon, that work to be undertaken by KBR and URS over the next five months will define the preferred route alignment, scope of the project and engage the local community in the design process.

He also indicated that the State Government want the local community to have input into all aspects of this project from the location and functionality of the stations to the design and route of the cycle and pedestrian paths.

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.