

## TREASURER TOM KOUTSANTONIS

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### More than \$100 million to improve public transport

The 2016-17 State Budget will deliver additional funding of more than \$100 million over three years towards public transport projects, including \$50 million for the extension of the city tram network.

Stage one of the AdeLINK project will extend the existing North Terrace tram line to the East End, creating a new line from King William Street to East Terrace, further building on the city's vibrancy.

The Budget also provides \$58 million over three years to modernise and upgrade the existing diesel railcar fleet and provide improved infrastructure to promote low carbon forms of transport, including cycling, as well as the popular City South tram station improving accessibility, capacity and safety.

The \$350,000 has been allocated for a road management plan to investigate potential road improvements on Kenihans Road, and for a study of improvements to traffic operation at the intersection of South Road, Candy Road and Lander Road.

### Background

#### *Tram extension*

This first stage of the AdeLINK project also forms Stage One of EastLINK, with future stages planned through Kent Town to the eastern suburbs, and the first stage in the CityLINK loop around the CBD.

The Government's vision for the AdeLINK tram network has been endorsed as an Infrastructure Australia priority initiative, following the State Government's *Integrated Transport and Land Use Plan*, and includes:

- EastLINK – through the city along the Parade turning north to Magill;
- WestLINK – following the Henley Beach Road to Henley Square, with a branch line to Adelaide Airport;
- ProspectLINK – following O'Connell Street to Prospect Road;
- UnleyLINK – following Unley Road and Belair Road to Mitcham;
- CityLINK – following a continuous loop around the city with transfers at other tram lines and the Adelaide Railway Station; and
- PortLINK – using the existing Outer Harbor line corridor.



\$4 million has already been invested in the development of a business case for the AdeLINK network.

### *Rail network*

This investment in railcars will supplement the State Government's ongoing spending on rail infrastructure maintenance and management, and the additional \$16 million announced in last year's State Budget for rail signalling upgrades, CCTV, lighting and station upgrades.

This is also in addition to the \$152.5 million set aside for the electrification of the Gawler line from Adelaide to Salisbury, starting next year, and the imminent \$238 million Torrens Junction project.

### **Quotes attributable to Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis**

This funding is a further extension of the State Government's unprecedented investment in public transport, with more than \$1.5 billion invested since 2007-08.

We have spent hundreds of millions of dollars on the electrification and extension of the Seaford line and on upgrades to the Glenelg tram line, including the overpass at South Road.

The O-Bahn City Access Project is well underway and the electrification of the Gawler line will begin next year.

The benefits of investing in public transport flow right through the economy – reducing travel times for works, easing traffic congestion in the city and creating jobs for South Australians during construction, upgrades and maintenance.

### **Quotes attributable to Transport and Infrastructure Minister Stephen Mullighan**

The announcement of funding for the tram extension is a major milestone which marks the first stage of the Government's vision for the AdeLINK tram network.

This project will link the buildings and major attractions along our city's most prominent boulevard from the old hospital site in the east to the new hospital in the west, promoting investment and urban development as well as transport solutions.

With a reliability rate of 99 per cent on average, Adelaide's tram network is our most reliable public transport service.

Our Adelaide Metro rail network is not far off, consistently achieving 94 per cent on-time running but we do know that even minor delays and disruptions erode the public's faith in the system.



# 2016-17 STATE BUDGET

That is why we are heavily investing to make our services even more reliable. We want to encourage more passengers to catch our trains and the best way to achieve that is to continually improve the services on offer.

These projects are helping us to achieve our SA Strategic Plan goal of doubling patronage on public transport by 2018, while also contributing to making Adelaide the world's first carbon-neutral city.

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