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Significant boost for O-Bahn Park 'n' Ride facilities

The State Government will invest \$15 million to boost Park 'n' Ride facilities along the O-Bahn route, creating hundreds of new car parks for Adelaide's most popular transport service.

New facilities will create an additional 500 spaces at Tea Tree Plaza and Klemzig.

The expansion will support an increase in patronage that is expected once the O-Bahn tunnel is completed later this year.

The new TTP Park 'n' Ride will feature an additional 300 spaces, including recharge points for electric vehicles, motorcycle spaces and disability car parks.

An extra 200 spaces will be created at the Klemzig Park 'n' Ride, including additional accessible car parks.

Planning and design will start immediately with construction set to start in 2018.

Both facilities will be fully compliant with disability-access standards, and will have full digital CCTV coverage and dedicated lighting and pathways to the platforms.

These new spaces will be in addition to the 700 already located near Tea Tree Plaza Interchange and the 230 at Klemzig Interchange.

Both these Park 'n' Rides have been hugely popular since they were opened, and there is a need to significantly increase car parking to meet demand.

Background

Since 2002, the State Government has almost doubled the capacity of Park 'n' Rides for people catching public transport, providing more than 11,000 car spaces across Adelaide, including new facilities at Mount Barker, Clovelly Park, Smithfield and Noarlunga.

With the \$160 million O-Bahn City Access Project nearing completion, it is important to back up this investment with ample parking to ensure using the new services is as easy as possible.

More than 31,000 people use the O-Bahn on weekdays, making it the most popular public transport network in Adelaide.

Each year, commuters make more than eight million trips on the O-Bahn, which is

about the same number as those who use our two busiest rail services - the Seaford and Gawler lines - combined.

Quotes attributable to Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis

This State Budget invests hundreds of millions of dollars to deliver better public transport and drive forward key transport projects, such as the electrification of the Gawler Line, the Oaklands Crossing Upgrade and new train services.

World-class infrastructure and services need to be accessible, that's why we're investing \$15 million to significantly boost the number of Park 'n' Ride spaces.

We want more people to choose to use public transport. That means continuing to improve services, but it also means delivering more Park 'n' Rides to make it easy for commuters to leave their car behind and catch a bus or train.

Quotes attributable to Transport and Infrastructure Minister Stephen Mullighan

We want to make it easier for people to park, to encourage more people to catch public transport and ease congestion on our local roads.

These new Park 'n' Rides will provide a safe and convenient means for commuters to access O-Bahn services, as an attractive alternative to driving to work, school, university, shopping, recreation or other destinations.

We have already added hundreds of additional Park 'n' Ride spaces along the O-Bahn in the past three years, but we know there's more to be done as patronage on the O-Bahn continues to increase.

Expanding the Park 'n' Ride network will further develop a public transport system where it is easier to leave the car behind and jump on one of the hundreds of O-Bahn services that are available each day.

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