



Renmark Paringa Council

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Renmark Paringa Council endorse temporary access option and design for permanent option for Twentyfirst Street Bridge

Renmark Paringa Council will engage an appropriately qualified traffic management firm to develop and install traffic control devices to allow the Twentyfirst Street Bridge to be reopened to pedestrians and cyclists.

Tonkin Engineering recently completed a Level 3 Bridge Inspection to investigate the potential short term temporary reopening of the bridge and to what type of users. This inspection identified that the Twentyfirst Street Bridge could be reopened to pedestrians and cyclists only if several access controls were implemented.

In addition to the Level 3 Bridge Inspection, Tonkin Engineering also completed a Condition Assessment and Options Investigation Report which provided six (6) design options for the permanent replacement of Twentyfirst Street Bridge.

Council have endorsed pursuing an option which addresses the impediment to flow, provides road and pedestrian user improvements, provides increased flood resilience and is costed within a range that is affordable with funding assistance from the State and/or Federal Government.

The pursued option is the most cost effective and will ensure the construction of a resilient asset that will be able to withstand future flooding events.

Whilst we will take immediate steps to commence the process to engage a suitably qualified contractor to implement the required access controls, this process may take a few weeks and will be dependent on contractor availability and other external factors.

Once the access controls have been implemented, the temporary reopening of Twentyfirst Street Bridge to pedestrians and cyclists will remain in place until construction commences on the permanent replacement option.

Mayor Peter Hunter said 'We are thrilled to announce the preferred design option for the replacement Twentyfirst Street Bridge which will ensure the future resilience of our community. Selecting a preferred design is a significant step forward in the project and we are looking forward to seeing the design come to life.'

'Whilst we continue planning for the permanent option, we are hopeful the temporary reopening of the Twentyfirst Street Bridge to pedestrians and cyclists will provide some much needed relief to the surrounding residents, schools and businesses.'

Once all the required access controls are implemented, Council will update the community with the reopening date of the Twentyfirst Street Bridge to pedestrians and cyclists.



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For further information, including copies of the engineers reports please refer to the project website: <https://www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/services/major-projects/twentyfirst-street-bridge-recovery>

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