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New overtaking lanes and upgraded rest areas for Sturt Highway

Construction of new overtaking lanes and upgraded rest areas as part of the Sturt Highway Upgrade will start this week.

The package of works includes new eastbound and westbound overtaking lanes near Stockyard Plains and a new eastbound overtaking lane east of Waikerie.

There will also be upgrades to the eastbound rest area at Stockyard Plains, and to the eastbound and westbound rest areas at Kingston-on-Murray.

The new overtaking lanes and upgraded rest areas are scheduled to open late 2023, weather permitting.

The works will improve safety and freight efficiency along the Sturt Highway, and support regional economic growth.

They form part of the Australian and South Australian governments' \$87.5 million commitment to upgrade the Sturt Highway between Renmark and Gawler, as part of the Roads of Strategic Importance initiative.

The contract for these works has been awarded to Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd.

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The Australian and South Australian governments have made a joint \$87.5 million commitment to upgrade the Sturt Highway between Renmark and Gawler, to make vital improvements to this important stretch of road.

A wide range of works have already been undertaken, including the recently completed Sturt Highway and Holder Top Road junction upgrade, and the Sturt Highway and Old Sturt Highway junction upgrades which are expected to be fully completed in late 2022.

This next package of works will now deliver more overtaking lanes and upgraded rest areas, which will no doubt be welcomed by all road users, particularly heavy vehicle operators.

These upgrades will improve road safety and traffic efficiency by encouraging drivers to use rest areas to manage fatigue, while also ensuring safer overtaking.