

Hon Corey Wingard MP Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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Stimulus spending boosting jobs and road safety

Hundreds of local jobs will be created and road safety improved across the state with around **\$233 million** in contracts awarded and tenders for release by the Marshall Liberal Government in the first two months of 2021.

A total of 19 contracts worth nearly **\$85 million** were awarded during January 2021, as the South Australian and Australian governments invest in metropolitan and regional road upgrades from the South Eastern Freeway to Ceduna.

Nine tenders released to market in January 2021, total around **\$78 million** which include pavement rehabilitation and sealing on the Stuart Highway.

Expected tenders for release to market in February 2021, total at least **\$70 million** which include pavement rehabilitation along Port Road between Junction Road and East Avenue.

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Corey Wingard, said the Marshall Government was committed to boosting jobs, business and infrastructure.

“The Marshall Liberal Government’s congestion busting response to the COVID-19 pandemic is in full swing,” Minister Wingard said.

“South Australia is facing its most challenging economic period in living memory and investing in projects that will get people into jobs sooner will keep our economy firing during this extremely difficult time.

“This is another part of our plan to keep South Australia safe and strong, by creating jobs, backing business and building what matters.

“The Marshall Government is focused on getting people from A to B faster so they can spend less time sitting in traffic and more time with their families doing what they love.

“We inherited a \$750 million backlog in maintenance works from the former Labor government and we’re continuing to chip away at that list.”

Tens of thousands of Adelaide Hills motorists will benefit from pavement rehabilitation and resurfacing along the South Eastern Freeway with a program value of \$35 million. The project, which will generate 165 jobs, is jointly funded (80:20) by the Australian and South Australian governments.

Pavement rehabilitation works on the South Eastern Freeway, between the Toll Gate and Heysen Tunnels commenced in early February 2021, with completion of works expected by mid-2021, weather permitting.

Contracts have been awarded for major shoulder sealing projects on key highways.

Eyre Highway (\$13.6 million) works between Ceduna and Penong and near Nundroo are scheduled to start in late March, 2021 and be open to traffic in December 2021, weather permitting.



These works will be supplemented by Targeted Road Safety Works projects fast-tracked under the State Government's Stimulus Package. The (\$10 million) installation of 1000km of Audio Tactile Line Marking on roads across the state will commence in February 2021, and finish in December 2021.

Contracts for essential upgrades on high priority roads under the \$52 million Regional Road Network Package have been awarded including asphalt resurfacing along Port Wakefield road and the Thiele Highway.

South Australian Government Urban Stimulus funded pavement upgrades will also be undertaken from late February 2021, along Darley Road, Gorge Road and Henley Beach Road.

Expected tenders for release during February 2021, include stimulus projects from shoulder sealing on the Horrocks Highway to pavement rehabilitation along Golden Grove Road between North East Road and Park Lake Drive.

Motorists will benefit from safety improvements and pavement rehabilitation on the Princes Highway, Ngarkat Highway from Pinaroo to Bordertown and Augusta Highway between Collinsfield and Red Hill.

The Marshall Government is investing in marine infrastructure around South Australia. Cape Jervis Jetty and Penneshaw Jetty will be upgraded as part of a \$22 million infrastructure program that is creating 80 jobs.