

More projects in the fast lane with funding bring forward

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The Marshall Government has announced that more projects are now in the fast lane following yesterday's \$415 million infrastructure package to fast track road infrastructure funding.

Today an \$18 million package of works will be released to improve regional road safety in the Yorke Peninsula, Mid North, and Eyre Peninsula, also enabling the safe reinstatement of the 110km/h speed limit on Cleve Road and the Goyder Highway.

It can also be revealed that the planning study for the \$92 million Victor Harbor Road Duplication Project and the \$32.9 million Flagstaff Road upgrade project have been awarded to Aurecon.

"Following yesterday's announcement that we are fast tracking hundreds of millions of dollars in regional road projects, we are already getting on with the job of building these roads," said Minister for transport, Infrastructure and Local Government Stephan Knoll.

"The Marshall Government isn't wasting any time and today we will release a tender for a suite of regional road upgrades and planning studies.

"We are continuing to build on our \$11.9 billion pipeline of infrastructure works over the next four years and investing in country roads to improve safety and help save lives."

Member for Flinders Peter Treloar said he was pleased the Marshall Liberal Government continues to carry through on its election promises, in this case to reinstate the speed limit to 110km/h on the Cleve Road.

Member for Finniss David Basham said bringing forward the Victor Harbor Road duplication would enable the project's benefits for the Fleurieu Peninsula region to be realised much sooner.

"This road is a major gateway to our region which thousands of Fleurieu Peninsula residents and businesses use every day," said Mr Basham.

"The duplication project will significantly improve safety for commuters and visitors while also enhancing economic productivity through better efficiency. Our region is very much looking forward to this project getting underway."

Member for Davenport Steve Murray said he was delighted that the Liberal Government has put \$32.9 million on the table for this important road project and it is well and truly underway.

"The upgrade will enable Flagstaff Road to become far safer with a permanent dual carriageway in both directions," said Mr Murray.

"This means it will reduce congestion and potential motorist confusion, providing room to overtake slow-moving traffic and improving access for emergency vehicles."

Background - \$18 million package to improve regional road safety in the Yorke Peninsula, Mid North, and Eyre Peninsula

The \$18 million package of works will include resealing and rehabilitating road pavements, roadside hazard protection, line marking and guide posts, as well as improving road shoulders and rest areas.

The following three packages of works are included in the tender:

- Stabilisation and resealing works on the Barrier Highway, Owen Road (between Owen and Balaklava) and Port Giles Road (Yorke Peninsula); and shoulder construction, minor road rehabilitation and sealing on the Goyder Highway.
- Construction of two rest areas on the Barrier Highway and a further two rest areas on the Lincoln Highway.
- Shoulder reconstruction and sealing on the Cleve Road, Eyre Peninsula.

The works on the Cleve Road and Goyder Highway are associated with the safe reinstatement of the 110km/h speed limit along these roads, co-funded by the Australian and South Australian Governments as part of the South Australian Rural Roads Package.

Funding for the other improvement projects is provided from various programs including the South Australian Government funded Critical Road Maintenance Program and State Re-seal Rehabilitation Fund, as well as the co-funded Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program.

Works are scheduled to commence in early 2020, weather permitting.

Background - Aurecon awarded tender for Victor Harbor Road and Flagstaff Road upgrade planning studies

The studies, awarded to Aurecon, will progress concept planning and design for the Victor Harbor Road duplication and the Flagstaff Road upgrade projects.

The Australian and South Australian Governments have committed \$92 million for the duplication of Victor Harbor Road, between Main South Road at Old Noarlunga and Main Road at McLaren Vale.

The South Australian Government has also committed \$32.9 million for the Flagstaff Road upgrade project, which involves the widening of the road (between Hyland Avenue and Bonneyview Road) to enable the installation of a fourth lane.

Approximately 23,500 vehicles use Victor Harbor Road everyday between Main South Road and Main Road, McLaren Vale, while approximately 24,000 use Flagstaff Road as a link between southern hills suburbs and both South Road and the Southern Expressway.

Community and stakeholder engagement will form an important part of the planning and design process for both of these important projects.

The planning studies for both projects are expected to be complete by mid-2020.

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