

Hon Corey Wingard MP Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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Building what matters for South Australia

A tidal wave of major construction is heading for South Australia with works starting on more than \$1 billion worth of infrastructure projects within the next six months.

The building boom kicks off this month and will support more than 1,300 jobs as the Marshall Government continues to build what matters to South Australians.

Major construction begins on two of the biggest regional infrastructure projects ever undertaken in this state - the Port Wakefield Overpass and Highway Duplication and the Joy Baluch AM Bridge Duplication Project.

Showcasing a commitment to improving regional roads, next month shoulder sealing works will also begin on the Tod and Birdseye Highways.

In metropolitan Adelaide, major construction works will start by the end of the year on the much-anticipated upgrade of the intersection of Goodwood, Springbank and Daws Roads, as well as the Main North, Kings and McIntyre Roads Intersection Upgrade.

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Corey Wingard said these important projects will support our economy and deliver jobs at a time when our state needs it most.

“The economic challenges our state is facing at the moment are unprecedented,” Minister Wingard said.

“Getting major works started on infrastructure projects across South Australia will help keep the economy firing as we navigate our way through the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Creating jobs is critical to our economic recovery and we’re delivering around 1,315 over the next six months in road infrastructure projects alone.

“Congestion busting projects in the city will also help tens of thousands of motorists, saving them valuable time on their daily commute and making their journeys safer and more reliable.”

Other major works kicking off in the first three months of next year include:

Flagstaff Road Upgrade; Womma Road and Stebonheath Road roundabout; North East Road and South Para Road Junction Upgrade; Dublin Saleyard Upgrade; shoulder sealing on the Eyre Highway, Princes Highway, Glenelg River Road and Horrocks Highway; and the Granite Island Causeway Project; Portrush Road and Magill Road Intersection Upgrade; Grand Junction, Hampstead and Briens Road Intersection Upgrade; Main North Road and Nottage Terrace Intersection Upgrade.

These works will be supplemented by a raft of road safety projects fast-tracked under the State Government’s Stimulus Package, including the installation of 1000km of **audio tactile line marking** on roads across the state.

The tender for this \$10 million package of works is expected to go to market next month.

Safety will also be improved on the Dukes Highway, with 3.5km of new **centre median wire rope** treatments, which will reduce the risk of head-on collisions.

Works have also just started on **lighting improvements** to 62 sites throughout the state - \$8.5 million of works to install more than 570 new lights.

The local side roads at 16 major regional roads junctions will be improved, with works starting in December 2020, and further shoulder sealing works on Callington Road and Goolwa Road will take place from January 2021.

A package of works to install **safety barriers** on 41km of regional roads will begin in January 2021 on the Goyder Highway, with further works including the South Eastern Freeway, Victor Harbor Road, Glenelg River Road and Riddoch Highway.

Vital improvements to high priority roads under the \$52 million Regional Road Network Package are also expected to start between now and March 2021, on:

- Dukes Highway
- Riddoch Highway
- Thiele Highway
- Stuart Highway – Stage 2
- Maitland Road
- Yorke Highway
- Victor Harbor Road
- Minlaton Road
- Copper Coast Highway

Works to seal the first 50km of the Strzelecki Track have also just begun and are expected to be completed by March 2021.