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MEDIA RELEASE

PRINCES HIGHWAY CORRIDOR UPGRADE WILL BE COMING ROUND TO MOUNT GAMBIER

Road users at Mount Gambier in South Australia's far southeast will benefit from four roundabout upgrades and better road pavement along the city's main thoroughfare.

This is part of the next stage of Princes Highway upgrades, set to get underway soon.

Acciona was recently awarded the contract to undertake the second stage of works for the Limestone Coast program of the \$266.3 million Princes Highway Corridor Upgrade.

This program is jointly funded by the Australian and South Australian governments, with the Australian Government contributing \$213 million and the South Australian Government \$53.3 million.

Covering the section of the Princes Highway between Tantanoola and the Victorian border, works in the new package include:

- Roundabout upgrades at four of the Jubilee Highway's junctions
- Pavement rehabilitation on Jubilee Highway between Suttontown Road and Penola Road in Mount Gambier
- An upgrade of the Princes Highway intersection with The Springs and Burrungule roads, between Millicent and Mount Gambier
- Extension of three existing overtaking lanes on the Princes Highway – one near The Springs Road and Burrungule Road intersection (eastbound), one near Stringy Bark Road (westbound) and one near Kangaroo Flat Road (eastbound)
- An upgrade of an existing rest area near Tantanoola.

Two new overtaking lanes (one in each direction) on the Princes Highway, between Mount Gambier (Myora Road) and the Victorian border, are also proposed as part of this package of works.

Early works at some locations, including survey and service relocations, will be undertaken in the coming weeks.

Major works are expected to begin from August 2023 and be completed progressively, with all works expected to be fully completed by the end of 2024.

The roundabout upgrades and pavement rehabilitation works in Mount Gambier will start in September 2023 and be completed by mid-2024.

Motorists are asked to please plan ahead, expect delays, allow extra travel time and take extra care when workers are on site. Observe speed limits, lane restrictions and traffic controllers when travelling through the area.

Meanwhile, the first stage of works for the Princes Highway Corridor Upgrade's Limestone Coast program continues to progress.

The stage one works are also being undertaken by Acciona and cover the section of the Princes Highway between Meningie and Tantanoola.

As part of the first stage, construction was recently completed on the two overtaking lane extensions north of Tantanoola Roadhouse (one in each direction), with traffic switched onto the new lane extension in late May 2023 to allow reconstruction of the adjacent lanes.

Construction of the two new overtaking lanes south of Meningie (one in each direction) and the two new overtaking lanes north of Millicent (one in each direction) is expected to be completed in July 2023.

Traffic will be switched onto the new overtaking lanes to allow for reconstruction work to be undertaken on the existing adjacent lanes.

Work has been completed on the upgrade to the Princes Highway junction with Furner Road, while work is continuing on the upgrade of the Princes Highway junction with Walkers Tin Hut Road

All remaining stage one works are expected to be completed in early 2024.

Quotes attributable to Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Catherine King:

“Stage two of the Princes Highway upgrades will deliver improved safety and travel time reliability for vehicles that travel through the city each day.

“The Australian Government believes in infrastructure investment that not only improves safety for those on our roads but reduces congestion and allows motorists to get to their destination sooner.”

Quotes attributable to SA Minister for Regional Roads Geoff Brock:

“The Princes Highway Corridor Upgrade program is supporting South Australia's regional economic growth, improving access for high productivity freight movements and community connectivity, enhancing opportunities for regional tourism in South Australia and improving long term safety and efficiency for all road users.

“This new package of works extends the roll-out of the program from the current works section between Meningie and Tantanoola through to the remainder of the highway towards the Victorian border.

"I'm pleased the works in the second stage include the upgrade of four roundabouts and pavement rehabilitation works along Mount Gambier's main thoroughfare, which will improve road safety, driveability and traffic efficiency for local residents and visitors alike.

"I appreciate there will be some short-term pain for Mount Gambier residents while these important works are undertaken, but I look forward to the considerable long term benefits they will bring."

Quotes attributable to South Australian Senator Don Farrell:

"The Australian Government is committed to delivering the infrastructure upgrades that Mount Gambier and the Limestone Coast needs to improve travel times and protect lives.

"Making our roads safer through significant upgrades like these remains a high priority. These works will provide locals and visitors with a safer journey."

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