

## Hon Corey Wingard MP Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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### **Planning to be fast-tracked on key infrastructure projects**

A massive suite of planning works for key infrastructure upgrades is set to be carried out as the Marshall Liberal Government looks to build on its record \$12.9 billion infrastructure pipeline supporting thousands of local jobs.

Around \$10 million of planning work will be undertaken to determine potential infrastructure upgrades on key arterial roads, intersections and transport corridors, as well as public transport infrastructure improvements across South Australia.

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Corey Wingard said the planning studies were not done by the previous Labor government and were crucial to getting projects off the ground faster.

“The Marshall Government is taking a more pro-active and strategic approach to planning for infrastructure projects,” said Minister Wingard.

“We want to ensure we’re as ready as we can be to pitch our projects to the Federal Government and secure funding to get them started as quickly as possible.

“That not only gets shovels in the ground faster, it gets more South Australians into jobs which as we know is vital as we navigate our way out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The former Labor Government left the cupboard bare in terms of planning for future projects and once again we’re fixing their mess.

“Infrastructure SA has outlined a number of key projects and priorities in its 20 Year State Infrastructure Strategy that can be planned for early.

“These planning packages will help achieve ISA’s objectives of sustained economic and jobs growth, planned population growth, connected and productive regions, a vibrant and global Adelaide, and enviable liveability.

“The way we’re structuring the procurement means we can add more planning studies based on advice, as priorities change or as more funding becomes available.

“We certainly won’t be in a position to deliver all the projects for which we are undertaking planning, but it’s necessary to do the work so we know which important infrastructure projects to prioritise when the funding becomes available.

“Now more than ever, we need to make sure that taxpayer dollars are invested wisely into projects that will build our state and get South Australians into jobs as we bounce back from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Among the planning studies for potential future infrastructure projects are public transport infrastructure improvements on main roads across Adelaide, corridor plans for arterial roads including Portrush Road, Cross Road, Main North Road, Brighton Road, Unley Road and



Payneham Road, as well as a host of intersection upgrades and cycling and pedestrian infrastructure.

Request for Tenders will be released this week for packages of planning studies focused on five key areas including;

- improved freight efficiency
- improved public transport
- better cycling facilities
- improved road safety
- addressing congestion at intersections