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Better roads and better planning a priority in record \$17.9 billion infrastructure investment

A new record spend on infrastructure across South Australia over the next four years will see more jobs created, more roads fixed and more planning for a pipeline of important projects for years to come.

The Marshall Liberal Government is continuing to build what matters for South Australians with \$8.8 billion allocated for roads and public transport infrastructure projects over the next four years in the State Budget 2021-22.

This includes \$22 million allocated to a series of business cases into future major road infrastructure projects across the state.

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Corey Wingard, said the State Budget 2021-22 builds on the Marshall Government's strong plan to create and support thousands of jobs while delivering vital projects across South Australia.

"We're improving our road network to help get South Australians home quicker and safer, we're investing in our public transport system that was neglected for years by the former Labor government and we're properly planning for a massive pipeline of future work," said Minister Wingard.

This Budget is building on the Marshall Liberal Government's strong economic recovery plan, which is creating more jobs, expanding health services and delivering record investment in education and infrastructure.

We are further securing SA's growing global reputation as one of the safest and most attractive places in the world to live, work and raise a family.

Road projects:

- **\$202 million** (80:20 funding share with the Commonwealth) over three years to construct a bypass of the Truro township and upgrade to Accommodation Hill on the Sturt Highway. The initiative will greatly improve access for all freight vehicles, boost the competitiveness of South Australia's agricultural sectors and help to get more heavy vehicles off the South Eastern Freeway and Truro main street.
- **\$15 million** (80:20 funding share with the Commonwealth) towards upgrades to the APY Lands Main Access Road (in addition to previously announced funding) bringing the total funding for the project to \$156.8 million with works to be completed by 2022-23.

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- **\$180 million** (80:20 funding share with the Commonwealth) over four years to complete the next stage of the duplication of the Augusta Highway from near Nantawarra to Lochiel – this will result in the corridor being fully duplicated from Adelaide through Port Wakefield to Lochiel.
- **\$60 million** (80:20 funding share with the Commonwealth) over two years for the refit and upgrade of the Heysen Tunnels (in addition to previously announced funding) taking the total project cost to \$75 million. The project includes upgrading the monitoring, sensing and control technology for traffic management, lighting, safety treatments and the installation of a new fire suppression system.
- **\$40 million** (80:20 funding share with the Commonwealth) over three years for improvements to key Kangaroo Island road corridors including Playford Highway and Hog Bay Road.
- **\$36 million** over two years to refurbish the Old Murray Bridge to increase its operational life by 30 years.
- **\$105 million** (80:20 funding share with the Commonwealth) towards the Road Safety Package (in addition to previously announced funding) taking the total to \$315 million. This initiative is to implement safety measures such as shoulder sealing, audio tactile line marking and physical barriers to prevent run-off road crashes.
- **\$80 million** (80:20 funding share with the Commonwealth) towards resealing of the Strzelecki Track (in addition to previously announced funding) taking the total project cost to \$215 million.
- North-South Corridor – River Torrens to Darlington - the State is continuing to work collaboratively with the Commonwealth to secure the additional funding for the remaining sections of the North South Corridor. The full business case for this project is still being finalised. Significant work has occurred on the design of the tunnels and road project to inform final costings, with the total project cost now expected to be around **\$9.9 billion**. The Commonwealth's current commitment towards the project is \$2.711 billion (\$5.422 billion total expenditure).

Intersection upgrades:

- **\$45 million** (50:50 funding share with the Commonwealth) over three years to upgrade the intersection of Marion Road and Sir Donald Bradman Drive. These works will alleviate capacity constraints and help improve traffic movements to and from Adelaide Airport.
- **\$6 million** (50:50 funding share with the Commonwealth) over two years for upgrades to the intersection of Nottage Terrace and North East Road.

Business cases:

- **\$5 million** (80:20 funding share with the Commonwealth) to undertake a business case to duplicate the Augusta Highway from Port Pirie to Crystal Brook.
- **\$2 million** (50:50 funding share with the Commonwealth) to undertake a business case on the widening and upgrade of the Eyre Highway to provide access for triple road

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trains from the Western Australia border through to Port Augusta. This would include widening intersections in Ceduna and Thevenard and widening and realigning the intersection of the Eyre Highway and Lincoln Highway to provide priority to vehicles traveling on the Eyre Highway.

- **\$10 million** (50:50 funding share with the Commonwealth) to undertake a business case for a Greater Adelaide freight bypass. The bypass is intended to enable trucks to be diverted from the South Eastern Freeway and Cross Road onto the North-South Freight Route via the Sturt Highway.
- **\$5 million** (50:50 funding share with the Commonwealth) to undertake a business case to duplicate the Princes Highway and Swanport Bridge between Murray Bridge and the Mallee Highway.

Transport:

- **\$48.5 million** over two years for a new multi-storey Park 'N' Ride facility at Tea Tree Plaza. The project will deliver at least another 400 Park 'N' Ride spaces to support public transport growth in the North Eastern suburbs.
- **\$99 million** over 10 years to refresh railway stations in the metropolitan rail network. Works will include new shelters, seating and bins, lighting upgrades and other works such as painting and landscaping. Stations to be upgraded between 2021 and 2025 include:
 - 14 stations along the Gawler Line (\$20 million 50:50 funding share with the Commonwealth Government)
 - Adelaide Railway Station (\$6.4 million)
 - Goodwood Railway Station (\$5 million)
 - Ovingham Railway Station (\$10 million)
 - Ethelton Railway Station (\$5 million)
 - Woodlands Park Railway Station (\$1.5 million)
- **\$10 million** over two years to retrofit hybrid energy systems to diesel trains. This initiative will improve the train's performance and reduce fuel consumption, noise and vibrations and diesel fumes in the environment.
- School buses:
 - **\$12 million** over two years for 20 new Adelaide Metro buses
 - **\$497,000** in 2021-22 increasing to **\$1 million** per year from 2022-23 to operate new and expanded bus services to support the Year 7 transition to high school from 2022
 - **\$388,000** in 2021-22, **\$844,000** in 2022-23 and **\$450,000** in 2023-24 to lease buses to provide Adelaide Metro services to two new state schools in Aldinga and Angle Vale. The level of ongoing services required at the new schools will be reviewed as staged enrolments progress and as all year levels commence operating.
- **\$4.2 million** to assist country bus operators, building on the assistance already provided to support regional transport services impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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“Thousands of jobs will be created thanks to this landmark budget and importantly, because of our investment in business cases for potential major projects, we’re providing future job opportunities for years to come as well,” said Minister Wingard.

“When it comes to road works, we know they can be a hassle, and we know there is plenty of work underway across the state at the moment and we thank all South Australians for their patience.

“But every time you see road works it’s important to remember that’s a South Australian in work and that’s the Marshall Liberal Government building what matters for our state.”

Sport investment continues to grow under the Marshall Liberal Government

The Marshall Liberal Government is also maintaining its commitment to lead South Australia into a golden era of sport with continued investment in projects from grassroots right through to the elite level. The 2021-22 Budget delivers:

- An additional **\$1.6 million** per annum investment in the State Budget 2021-22 to expand the Sports Vouchers Program to include Years 8 and 9. This initiative gives families a \$100 discount on sports, dance or swimming lesson memberships or registration fees. This will bring total funding for the program to almost \$10 million per annum.
- **\$15 million** to construct a new ‘home for basketball’, built as an extension to the Wayville Sports Centre, providing four additional courts including a show court capable of hosting 1,600 people for events.
- **\$49.5 million** to build a new South Australian Sports Institute, delivering world leading sports science and training facilities for our athletes at Mile End, replacing ageing facilities at Kidman Park.

This continues the Marshall Liberal Government’s delivery of projects under its State Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Plan, and builds on the following previously announced investments:

- **\$44 million** for Stage Two of the Memorial Drive redevelopment.
- **\$45 million** for the Hindmarsh Stadium upgrade.
- **\$12 million** for Stage Two upgrade works at SA’s home of netball at Mile End.
- **\$6 million** to upgrade SA Athletics Stadium.
- **\$5 million** contribution towards an \$18 million facelift for Thebarton Oval.
- **A further \$5 million** towards the new State Centre of Football (bringing total Government investment for the project to \$24 million).
- Expansion of the Grassroots Grant Program to include ALL sports – and an increase in total budget – **\$25 million** over 2020-21 and 2021-22.

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