

Freight Highway Upgrade Program

Stuart Highway

The Australian and South Australian governments have committed \$500 million (80:20) over the next 10 years to improve the safety and reliability of national freight routes. This includes the upgrade of three major highways in South Australia.

More than 3,200 heavy vehicles a day use the Stuart, Augusta, and Dukes highways, which are vital transport corridors for freight crossing the nation. About half of those vehicles are B-doubles and road trains. The upgrades will improve freight productivity by reducing travel times for the delivery of goods to businesses and the community, as well as reducing operating costs for commercial vehicles.

As part of a \$30 million package to be delivered in the coming months, the Department for Infrastructure and Transport is undertaking installation of safety barriers and associated shoulder works on the Stuart Highway, to reduce the likelihood and severity of roadside incidents. Works will be carried out at multiple locations between Port Augusta and north of Marla.

What to expect

These works are expected to commence on **Monday, 5 June 2023 and be complete by early July 2023, weather permitting**. Works will be undertaken **seven days a week between 7am to 6pm**.

Works will be undertaken within the shoulder lane and be staged to minimise disruption to traffic where possible. To safely undertake these works traffic will be intermittently reduced to a single lane with traffic controllers in place to control the direction of traffic. Speed restrictions will also be in place throughout the work area.

Outside of working hours the highway will re-open to traffic in each direction with speed restrictions in place for the extent of works. Once these works are complete, the posted speed limits will be reinstated.

Road users 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.

Access to properties will be maintained during the works wherever possible, with advance notice provided if there is a need to temporarily restrict driveway access.

Some noise disturbance can be expected at times while these works are completed, however the work will be managed to minimise disturbance as much as practically possible. Every effort will be made to minimise impacts to the community.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience while these important works are undertaken.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to a member of the project team, please call us on **1300 794 880**, email at DIT.Engagement@sa.gov.au or visit www.dit.sa.gov.au/fhup

Kind regards

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