

Freight Highway Upgrade Program

Port Augusta junction upgrades

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 also 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 the more than \$31 million package to be delivered in the coming months, upgrades will take place at the Stuart Highway and Madland Street junction and the Stuart Highway, Eyre Highway and Augusta Highway junction in Port Augusta.

The upgrades will include pavement reconstruction, road resurfacing and new line marking. Road resurfacing will also be undertaken on the section of Stuart Highway between both junctions.

What to expect

To safely undertake the upgrades, and reduce impact to road users, **the works at the Stuart Highway and Madland Street junction will now be undertaken at night, between the hours of 7pm and 6am Monday to Saturday. Works will commence from Tuesday, 13 June 2023 and are expected to be complete in late July, weather permitting.** No works will be undertaken on Sundays.

During work hours, traffic will be reduced to a single lane on both Stuart Highway and Augusta Highway, with temporary traffic signals in place to control the direction of traffic. Speed restrictions will also be in place throughout the work area. Please see map overleaf for details. Access to Madland Street will be maintained throughout the works.

Outside of working hours the Stuart and Augusta highways will re-open to a single lane of traffic in each direction with speed restrictions in place. 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 and businesses will be maintained throughout the works, 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 to nearby residents and businesses, as much as practically possible. This includes scheduling intrusive works early evening where possible. You may also notice some odour which is common when asphaltting works are underway. We appreciate your co-operation and patience while these important works are undertaken.

Further information

For more information, or to register for Project Updates, please call 1300 794 880, email DIT.Engagement@sa.gov.au or visit www.dit.sa.gov.au/fhup

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