



SA ROAD MAINTENANCE OUTSOURCING A WELCOME MOVE

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Infrastructure Partnerships Australia has welcomed the South Australian Government's decision today to award road maintenance contracts across four key zones.

"The South Australian Government has made a smart move to extend its successful partnership with the private sector and outsource the remainder of its road maintenance services," Infrastructure Partnerships Australia, Chief Executive Adrian Dwyer said.

"The contracts awarded today will deliver a better deal for taxpayers and better outcomes for the thousands of South Australian drivers across the state.

"At a time when balance sheets are stretched by COVID-19, the South Australia Government's decision today will generate major savings for reinvestment in the states growing transport system.

"Global and domestic experience has shown that outsourcing road maintenance can deliver significant dynamic efficiencies over the life of a contract.

"By using incentives and benchmarking against world's best practice, the South Australia Government can drive investment, improve road safety, and deliver innovative outcomes in a way that traditional delivery methods have been unable to sustain.

"The contracts awarded today will also allow for increased accountability in the provision of road network maintenance, with private sector providers held to high delivery standard.

"Infrastructure Partnerships Australia, Infrastructure Australia, and many others have consistently recommended that state and territory governments pursue the outsourcing of their road maintenance services and it's good to see the South Australian Government has continued this good practice," Mr Dwyer said.

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