



LINCOLN HIGHWAY WIDENED

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Member for Flinders Liz Penfold welcomes the work being done on the Lincoln Highway as part of the overall program of improving the safety and condition of the road.

"Another \$800,000 was added to the \$500,000 announced in the State Budget in May so that the widening and upgrade could be accelerated.

"The funding, sourced from South Australia's share of the national increase in heavy vehicle registration charges, will see the work completed one year earlier in 2003/2004," she said.

Mrs Penfold said she has always put safety as the top road priority.

"When asked to prioritise the proposed work on the Cowell-Arno Bay road, I opted for the widening first as I believed that was the greatest safety issue.

"In the meantime, I put pressure on the Minister to get both the edging and the road reconstruction.

"As usual, the Minister listened, and we have both the reconstruction and the widening," she said.

Mrs Penfold said that we are fortunate that, once again, we have received additional funding for our Eyre Peninsula roads that were left without adequate funding during 20 years of mostly Labor governments.

"The Minister and I are in regular contact since we are both members of the Government.

"The advantages of this have come through in increased funding for Eyre Peninsula highways," she said.

Mrs Penfold said the Government's 10-year commitment to 2004 to seal all Rural Arterial Roads in incorporated areas was on track.

She said the next stage of the Government's Regional Roads Program is a four-year program to help seal selected local council roads in regional areas that are the most important for safety and economic development.