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EUDUNDA ROAD \$1.6M UPGRADE GOES AHEAD

The Mid Murray Council has received a grant of \$725,310 to continue the upgrading of an important freight route in the district.

The funding, granted through the Australian Government's Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program, enables the Council to progress with Stage Two of its Eudunda Road from Truro project. The Council will contribute \$886,490 to this stage of the works, which is expected to cost a total of just over \$1.6 million.

Mid Murray Council Chief Executive Officer Russell Peate said the grant was a significant boost to an important infrastructure project.

"The Eudunda Road project will go a long way to improving safety and accessibility along a key freight route, which links directly to the Sturt Highway," Mr Peate says.

"This is a road which has become degraded and these works will deliver a high-quality link in our transport network for heavy vehicles, which will foster connectivity and productivity for many local businesses.

"The Council has already invested significant funds, with assistance from the State Government, to carry out the first stage of this project and the latest grant ensures the second stage can now be prioritised."

The Council is responsible for the maintenance and management of 9.5 kilometres of Eudunda Road, with the remainder managed by the Regional Council of Goyder. Stage One of the upgrade project involved the widening and strengthening of a 4.35 kilometre section earlier this year at a cost of about \$1.8 million. Stage Two will improve the remaining section and ensure it meets national heavy freight requirements.

"Planning is also underway for the replacement of the Eudunda Road Bridge at Dutton to further improve safety and access along this route," Mr Peate says.

"With one of the largest road networks of any council under its control, our Council is grateful to both levels of government, for their willingness to partner with and support us to deliver this vital project."

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