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Somerset and Sisters Beach are set to be big winners as the Waratah-Wynyard Council approves the projects which will benefit from the additional Roads to Recovery Funding allocated by the Federal Government. The announcement recently of increased Roads to Recovery funding provided the Council with approximately \$727,000 of additional funding to allocate to compliant projects this financial year.

Following a Special Council Meeting on Monday night three key projects were approved for additional funding.

The Somerset CBD Project will now have \$477,000 from the Roads to Recovery funding in addition to the \$250,000 already provided by the State Government. This will enable expansion of works already planned to include redevelopment of the Civic Space and widening of Elizabeth St north for increased parking supply in line with the Somerset CBD Master Plan.

The Seabrook Rd and Village Lane junction will have \$300,000 additional funds allocated to enable the scope of planned safety improvements to be upgraded from the provision of warning signage to eliminating the risk by cutting the vertical curve and lowering the road surface east of the junction on Seabrook Road address the current sight distance deficiency. Mayor Robby Walsh commented at the meeting that "he was especially pleased to see this work being completed as there had been many near misses at the junction over the years".

Additionally, the Sisters Beach entry junction will have \$50,000 funding allocated to realign the junction of Honeysuckle Avenue and Elfrida Avenue such that Honeysuckle Ave will become the priority route. This change will physically require vehicles to slow down when entering the Sisters Beach 40 km/hr area. It is also hoped that this change will influence drivers to use Honeysuckle Avenue as the main entry/exit rather than Elfrida Avenue. Minor works will also be completed at the Bridge St/Honeysuckle Ave junction to improve sight

distance. Community feedback last year highlighted this as a key area of concern for residents.

The General Manager, Mr Michael Stretton advised that “in addition to the three projects approved for this financial year, Council is in the process of considering projects for the next financial year as additional Roads to Recovery funding has also been allocated by the Federal Government for the 2016/17 works program”.

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