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Waratah-Wynyard Deputy Mayor Mary Duniam has welcomed \$700,000 of funding to improve the Bass Highway and Reservoir Drive intersection.

The State and Federal Government funding comes ahead of the release of concept plans for community consultation next week for the improvement of this intersection and others on the highway including at Inglis Street, Wilkinson Street/Oldina Road, York Street/Calder Road and Deep Creek Road.

“Council has been working in partnership with the Department of State Growth on these intersections and this funding will ensure that we are well placed to proceed once the community is consulted on the proposed designs,” Cr Duniam said.

“The planned improvements that will be released next week for public comment are all about making these intersections safer and will result in minimal impact on travel times.”

Cr Duniam said an additional \$32,500 of funding allocated to improve the intersection of Preolenna Road, Lapoinya Road and Pages Road at Moorleah would need to be considered by Council.

“As the funding for the Moorleah intersection is provided on the basis of an equal contribution from Council, we will need to move to make a budget amendment to provide these funds,” Cr Duniam said.

“While I can’t speak to Council’s decision on this motion, this intersection has a number of visibility issues associated with poor sight distances caused by poor verge alignment, steep embankments and overgrown vegetation that need to be resolved,” Cr Duniam said.

“Council will therefore consider this in line with today’s funding announcement and make a determination at the next meeting.”

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