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Key intersection to undergo major upgrade

One of Broome's busiest intersections is set to undergo a major upgrade to improve safety, traffic flow and stormwater drainage.

The intersection of Hamersley St and Napier Tce is a recognised traffic accident Black Spot, and following 12 accidents at the location between 2010 and 2014 a road safety audit was undertaken that recommended a roundabout intersection be built to address the issue.

Additionally, the intersection is prone to temporary flooding during heavy rain and so drainage improvements will include new underground pipework and an upgraded basin. New lighting, footpaths and landscaping will also be installed.

The total project cost is expected to be just over \$2 million, and following a tender process Council has resolved to award the construction contract to Broome company Roadline Civil Contracting.

Funding will come from \$1.45 million in grants including through the Commonwealth Government Black Spot Program, with Council funding the remainder.

The design of the new intersection was finalised following extended consultation with neighbouring landowners and other stakeholders, with issues such as access to shops along Hamersley St addressed in the final design.

Work on the 12-week construction project is scheduled to get underway in early May.

Broome Shire President, Harold Tracey, said the project was a significant investment in local business and would make one of the town's busiest intersections safer and easier to use.

"As Broome grows, the intersection of Hamersley St and Napier Tce has become busier, more congested and less safe, making it important that this project is undertaken," Cr Tracey said.

"The upgrade is a major investment and it's pleasing the \$2 million cost will go to local contractors and back into the Broome economy.

"We'll be liaising closely with nearby businesses during construction and would also request some patience and cooperation from the community and visitors during construction when detours and other traffic management measures will be in place."

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