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## **Upgrades to improve road safety at intersection**

Work is underway on upgrading the busy intersection of Hamersley and Haas Streets in Broome to improve safety for road users.

The intersection is recognised as a road safety Black Spot, with six crashes recorded in the past five years, including one fatal crash and four resulting in major damage to property.

The Shire of Broome has secured \$600,000 from the Federal Government to fund the work that begins on Tuesday 10 May.

An independent road safety audit of the intersection found that more than 30 per cent of traffic on Hamersley St exceeded the 50kmh speed limit.

To address these concerns a roundabout will be installed at the intersection along with improvements to street lighting, pedestrian access and line markings.

Shire of Broome President, Ron Johnston, said the work would greatly improve safety for motorists and pedestrians.

"Making improvements to roads and roadsides significantly contributes to reducing the number of crashes, and can also reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries that occur when crashes happen," Cr Johnston said.

Construction is expected to be finished by the end of June 2016, with reduced speed limits, detours and other traffic controls in place to ensure the safety of workers and road users.

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