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## City will spend \$11.65M upgrading Cockburn roads in 2017-18

The City of Cockburn will spend \$11.65M upgrading roads in 2017-18 to help address the local community's top priority issue - traffic congestion.

Results from the City's 2017 Community Scorecard showed more than 30 per cent of the annual survey's 693 respondents cited traffic issues as an area in need of improvement.

The road projects will be funded with a combination of local, state and federal government funding with preliminary works already underway at some locations.

Mayor Logan Howlett said as a popular destination for people, especially families, keen to live, work, visit and invest in, Cockburn was experiencing the growing pains of an expanding, contemporary community.

"We have been lobbying on your behalf for state and federal funds to build better roads and while these improvements will mean disruption in the short term, in the medium to long-term they will result in less traffic congestion," Mayor Howlett said.

"The City has also received Black Spot funding to address some of the City's most dangerous roads and intersections, with two projects due to get underway this financial year."

The Black Spot projects are installation of right turn arrows at Spearwood Avenue/Rockingham Road (\$175,000) and a second approach lane at Jandakot/Warton roads (\$180,000).

Some of the key road projects for 2017-18 include:

- Widen Spearwood Avenue from two to four lanes from Beeliar to Yangebup Drive, including reconstruction of several intersections \$3.7M
- Reconstruct the Russell/Hammond roads intersection in Cockburn Central to create a four-way roundabout

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• \$1.2M each on road rehabilitation and re-surfacing

For more information on the City's road projects for 2017-18, go to <u>https://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Building-and-Development/Transport-Traffic-and-Parking/Road-and-Traffic-Updates</u>

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