



# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## **INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS ON THE WAY IN WEST SWAN**

Following persistent calls from West Swan MLA Rita Saffioti to have the intersection of Reid Highway and Malaga Drive urgently improved, the intersection has now received funding under the State Black Spot Program.

As part of the funding, \$2.1 million will be spent over the next two years to install a double right turn lane for vehicles entering Malaga from Reid Highway. In addition new overhead mast arms will be installed and corner islands will be upgraded.

Ms Saffioti said the funding would be welcomed by many motorists especially those motorists that use this intersection to access Malaga.

“This upgrade will not only enhance the safety of the intersection but it will reduce red-light waiting times for motorists,” she said.

“A recent report stated motorists have to wait for over three minutes at this intersection, the third longest red-light waiting time in Perth.

“With the Malaga industrial and business precinct continuing to grow, having this intersection improved has been a priority of mine.

“With overpasses at Mirrabooka Avenue and Alexander Drive, the red-light waiting times and the safety of the Malaga Drive intersection was only going to get worse.”

Ms Saffioti’s continued calls for urgent funding were mirrored by the RAC earlier this year when their State Budget submission outlined that urgent improvement to the intersection was required.

“While this upgrade will be of benefit in the short term, ultimately an overpass is required for this intersection,” she said.

“Reid Highway also requires a dual carriageway along its complete length, specifically between Beechboro Road and West Swan Road.”

Ms Saffioti also welcomed funding to improve and upgrade local intersections in the West Swan electorate. These included:

- \$34,000 for the intersection of West Swan Road and Gnangara Road;
- \$36,667 for the intersection of Beringarra Avenue and Malaga Drive; and
- \$34,000 for the intersection of Weir Road and Principal Link.

“These improvements are crucial to improving road safety in our community,” Ms Saffioti said.

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