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Infrastructure Chair

MEDIA RELEASE

Brisbane City Council is investing more than \$6.7 million to improve safety through its Black Spot Program to reduce crash risks at intersections across our suburbs, including at Annerley, Belmont, St Lucia and Wacol.

Infrastructure Chair David McLachlan said these Black Spot projects, which would be delivered in conjunction with the Australian Government and the Queensland Government, were part of Council's commitment to Queensland Road Safety Week.

"Safety of residents as they travel across Brisbane is so important and that's why we are investing millions of dollars every year into road safety," Cr McLachlan said.

"These intersections which will receive funding this year have collectively had 49 crashes between July 2013 and May 2020.

"Any incident that occurs on our road is always devastating and we work closely with the Australian Government to ensure we are selecting intersections that will benefit most from these safety improvements and importantly will contribute in reducing the national road toll.

"Improvements made to improve safety at these currently dangerous intersections will include things like traffic signals and roundabouts.

"This infrastructure can significantly reduce the risk of accidents in the future and ensure everyone can get home safely to their loved ones."

Cr McLachlan said the first works to get underway as part of this year's Black Spot Program would be at the Ipswich Road and Ponsonby Street intersection at Annerley.

"This intersection has had 13 individual incidents reported between July 2013 and May 2020," he said.

"Some of the safety improvements will include installing traffic signals at this intersection and converting the eastern end of Ponsonby Street to one-way access from Ipswich Road to Junction Terrace."

Cr McLachlan said the Black Spot program had proved extremely successful in the past.

"For example, the intersection at Old Cleveland Road and Leicester Street, Coorparoo, had reported seven crashes before it was upgraded," he said.

“Since the black spot program project was completed in 2017 not a single crash has been reported.”

The Black Spot Program is just one initiative in a broader suite of works undertaken by Council each year to improve safety for all road users across our transport network.

For more information, visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au or call Council on (07) 3403 8888.

2020- 21 Black Spot Program	Suburb	Crash data - between July 2013 and May 2020	Total project budget
Ipswich Road/Ponsonby Street	Annerley	13 reported crashes	\$2,115,000
Stanbrough Road/London Road	Belmont	Six reported crashes	\$981,000
Sir Fred Schonell Drive/Coldridge Street	St Lucia	15 reported crashes	\$1,549,000
Industrial Avenue/Campbell Avenue	Wacol	15 reported crashes	\$2,104,000

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