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Federal funding to improve road safety Black Spot on the Huon Highway

Huon Valley Council welcomes the recent Federal Black Spot Program funding of \$700,000 to relocate the Huon Highway junction at the Southbridge Waste Transfer Station.

The Huon Highway project includes relocating the junction 60 meters south of the existing junction and reconfiguration to provide a larger turning area, safer queuing along an off-highway internal road and turn channels on the Huon Highway.

Mayor Bec Enders said, “Over 200 visitors per day utilise the Southbridge Waste Transfer Station and in the last 5 years, 6 serious accidents, including one fatality have occurred at this black spot. Relocating and reconfiguring the junction will make entry and exit safer for all road users.”

“With increasing volumes and more mixing of tourist, local and heavy freight traffic on the Huon Highway, traffic incidents are increasing. The funding is an important step in supporting the reduction of series injuries and death.”

The federal funding is part of the \$2.7million commitment across Tasmania to improve road safety with 13 projects highlighted in the 2021-22 Black Spot Program.

The 13 Black Spot Projects will contribute towards reducing serious injuries and deaths on Tasmanian roads with the program funding safety measures such as traffic signals and roundabouts at locations where a number of serious crashes are known to have occurred.

In Tasmania a panel reviews priorities for the program with members including representatives from the Tasmanian Police, Tasmanian Motorcycle Council, Tasmanian Bicycle Council, the Royal Automobile Club of Tasmania, the Tasmanian Transport Association, the Local Government Association of Tasmania, Traffic Management Association of Australia and the Department of State Growth.

Further information on the Black Spot Funding project can be found on the Federal Government's [Infrastructure webpage](#).

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The Tasmanian Government is currently undertaking a Huon Highway Corridor Study from Kingston to Southport. This will investigate the future transport demand that is likely in the next 30 years and identify opportunities to improve the Huon Highway along the corridor. The corridor study is open for public consultation until 14 August with Huon Valley Council encouraging residents to have their say at transport.tas.gov.au or by emailing ConsultationTasmania@Jacobs.com.

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