When I talk to members of our community, reducing traffic congestion and improving safety on our roads are key priorities and are for this Council. At present, 7 in 10 Wyndham residents leave the City to get to work each day, with the majority spending at least an hour driving to work, and an hour to get back home – spending time sitting in traffic, when they could instead be having more time for life, more time for what is important to them. I drive around our city a lot – I take my son to school, swimming and basketball and I attend meetings and events at all times of the day across the whole municipality. I too can get frustrated at how long it can take to get where I need to be.

In our 2019/2020 budget we’re planning to allocate up to $20 million for Council-owned roads, including $900,000 to install traffic lights at key intersections and $11 million for road reconstructions and resurfacing around our City.

We also continue to advocate to the State Government to improve the major arterial roads they are responsible for. Of course, the State Government has made a significant investment in our region, with the $1.8 billion Western Roads Upgrade to widen or upgrade eight of our busiest roads. But with our growth, it’s important this investment continues. We have asked the State Government to commit to:

- The upgrade of the intersection at the corner of Point Cook and Sneydes Road, improving safety and the installation of traffic lights. Council has agreed to fund half of this project, despite it not being a Council-owned intersection, and we look forward to working with the State to deliver a solution.
- The duplication of Ballan Road (from Armstrong Road to Bolton Road)
- The duplication of Sayers Road (from Derrimut Road to Palmers Road)

We’re working hard to improve the roads our residents rely on and reduce travel times and it’s important we all are respectful and courteous when on the road. All of us want to get to where we want or need to be – safely.

 Regards, Mia Shaw.

**Wyndham City Road Upgrades**

**Hacketts Road – between Aviation Road and Tamworth Grove**

We’re widening and sealing this stretch of road, and upgrading the intersection at Aviation Road as part of this $1 million project. At present, 450 vehicles use this road daily, and we expect this figure to rise as more development takes place in Point Cook, and the State Government ramps up its works at the Duncans Road interchange. Works are commencing this week, and are expected to wrap up in September.

**Forsyth Road – between Old Geelong Road and Sayers Road**

A rebuild of the existing roadway, brand new added lanes, signals at the Federation Trail crossing, and signals at Waterways Boulevard. We’re on track for a mid-2019 completion of this $5.4 million project.

**Bulban Road – between Ballan Road and McGrath Road**

These recently completed works, saw the pavement between Ballan Road and McGrath Road upgraded, as well as the creation of new dedicated bike lanes and public lighting thanks to Council’s investment of $425,000.

**Thames Boulevard – between Brentwood Drive and Esquire Place**

This upgrade will see a complete reconstruction of 1.2 kilometres of road, providing a smoother surface for local motorists who use this road daily. To keep up to date on all these projects, or to see what other capital works projects are going on close to where you live or around Wyndham, visit our Capital Works Dashboard for live, up-to-date information at: https://digital.wyndham.vic.gov.au/capitalworks