Wyndham City is aware of a number of incidents at the intersection of Derrimut and Boundary roads. Council has met with representatives from the Department of Transport (formerly VicRoads) to discuss possible solutions as Derrimut road falls within their responsibility. While we have engaged an independent road safety auditor to look at this intersection, as well as others along Boundary road, we’ve also asked the State to review this at their end.

While the upgrade and signalisation of the intersection is the preferred solution to address these safety issues, further funding from the State Government is required.

Once the results of the audit are known and shared with the Department of Transport, as we identify the short-term measures that will be implemented at the intersection, Council will also continue to advocate to secure additional funding to deliver on the ultimate signalised solution for this intersection. We will keep you, the community, updated through this process.

In last week’s column I wrote about the work Council is doing to have the intersection at Point Cook and Sneydes roads upgraded. Since, some residents have flagged the possibility of Council installing temporary signals at the site in the short term. This solution is one that Council doesn’t support, and isn’t as simple as it seems. Temporary signalisation would only lead to further congestion due to a lack of capacity at this intersection. In order for traffic lights to be a viable solution, there would need to be additional lanes installed. This is a complex process due to the range of utility services that exist at the intersection. Temporary signalisation is only used for traffic management during roadworks as a short term solution.

The Department of Transport (formerly VicRoads) are investigating a number of other short term options at the intersection to help address current issues. Council is maintaining close communication with officers from the Department to progress development of these options.

Council is also progressing the design of plans to upgrade the intersection and install traffic signals to ensure the project is shovel-ready prior to the end of the 2019/20 financial year. Council will continue to liaise with the State to explore funding options, and are keen to see this intersection upgraded as soon as possible.

Regards, Mia Shaw.