

Advocacy Priorities 2026–2027

Transport and Road Safety Projects

Council Position

Council requests the State Government prioritises resources, including funding, towards the investigation, planning and implementation of safety and infrastructure improvements on Guildford Road, Lord Street and at the Collier Road rail level crossing, whilst having due regard for tree preservation.

Background

Guildford Road, Lord Street and the Collier Road rail level crossing represent the Town of Bassendean's most significant transport safety and congestion challenges. The scale of safety improvements required exceeds local capacity, prompting calls for State intervention and funding.

Guildford Road, managed by Main Roads WA, has recorded 55 crashes in five years, including 10 resulting in death or serious injury, particularly at intersections.

Lord Street, currently a Town-managed District Distributor Road, has recorded 109 crashes in five years, including 30 killed or seriously injured. Lord Street carries approximately 19,000 vehicles per day on a single lane each way. Traffic demand will increase significantly due to development, METRONET projects and regional growth in Perth's north-east. Without upgrade, Lord Street will become a major bottleneck affecting the wider State road network.

The Collier Road level crossing sees up to 10 trains per hour during peak periods, causing significant traffic delays and safety risks when boom gates are down. Grade separation is essential to improve safety, reliability and network performance. ►

Recent rail crossing incidents and associated network disruptions within the north-east corridor have further highlighted the importance of improving level crossing safety, reducing congestion and increasing network reliability.

Without State intervention, safety risks will escalate, congestion will worsen, and network efficiency across the north-east corridor will continue to decline. The Town of Bassendean is committed to working collaboratively with the State Government to address these issues, but delivery cannot occur without a commitment from the State to address this as a priority.

What the Town plans to do

The Town is seeking commitment from the State Government to:

- Include the level crossing removal at the intersection of Collier Road and Guildford Road in the upcoming METRONET Program of level crossing removals.
- Request traffic modelling and forecasting to determine if traffic currently on Lord Street can be diverted to other roads outside of the Town and whether public transport can play a role in the reduction of traffic.
- Accept responsibility for the road safety and traffic congestion issues on Guildford Road and agree to work with the Town to further investigate and plan for improvements necessary at the intersections listed in this Position Statement.

