

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Lights to change at James Street intersections

Motorists using James Street intersections in inner city Toowoomba will notice a change to the traffic signals in coming weeks.

Transport and Main Roads (TMR) Southern Queensland Regional Director Dereck Sanderson said changing the operation of traffic signals would reduce the risk of crashes at four intersections.

"We've found that right turns at signalised intersections account for 38 percent of fatal and serious injury crashes in Queensland, and we've seen that reflected here in Toowoomba," Mr Sanderson said.

"Changes will be made at the traffic signals along James Street at the Kitchener, Ruthven, Pechey/Prescott and West streets intersections.

"After the change, motorists using the intersection at night can only turn right at these intersections if a green arrow is showing.

"Initially the changes will be implemented at night only when traffic volumes are lower so we can monitor their impact on these intersections.

"There will be no change to daytime operation of these signals at this stage.

"Signal timings will be modified where possible to maintain operational efficiency."

Mr Sanderson said the project was part of a program targeting the operation of signalised intersections with high crash histories that will be rolled out over several years.

This project is part of the Queensland Government's continued commitment to improving road safety.

The intersection improvements are proudly funded by the Queensland Government and will be rolled out at the four intersections throughout August 2021.

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