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Glenlyon Road intersection changes to ease traffic congestion

One of Gladstone’s busy city intersections is receiving $100,000 of modifications to help ease traffic congestion.

Gladstone Regional Council’s Engineering Services portfolio spokesperson Councillor Rick Hansen said island alterations were occurring at the Glenlyon Road, Derby and Breslin Street intersection.

"A study of the signalised intersection was undertaken in 2011 to consider different scenarios to reduce traffic congestion, particularly at peak travel times," Cr Hansen said.

"At the time, in its current configuration, the intersection was deemed able to sustain an increase in traffic flow for a few years.

"Long-term however additional changes are needed to withstand greater traffic pressures exerted on the road network."

Work started on June 4 and will be completed by the end of June.

The changes will extend the right turn lanes of Breslin and Derby Streets to the maximum length possible, within the current road pavement.

Vehicle turning lanes for traffic turning right on to Glenlyon Road will be lengthened by modifying the existing traffic islands approaching the intersection.

"This will reduce vehicle congestion along Breslin and Derby Streets by removing queued turning traffic from the through lane," Cr Hansen said.

Motorists should expect delays and speed restrictions in the area with traffic management in place while works progress.

"The modifications are an interim measure to alleviate some of the pressures at the intersection prior to detailed design towards widening a section of Glenlyon Road to four lanes," Cr Hansen said.

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