

No lights yet at grim corner

DESPITE more than 350 traffic accidents during the five-year period to December 31, 2006, Main Roads WA will not approve the installation of traffic lights at the Lord Street and Reid Highway intersection in West Swan.

Member for East Metropolitan Region Donna Faragher asked the State Government earlier this month during question time if it would reconsider its decision.

However, Ms Faragher was told that Main Roads WA did

not believe traffic lights were the solution.

The parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure Adele Farina said traffic signals would be considered in the future. But, she added, they would not be installed until further development was completed on the southern side of Reid Highway, creating a fourth leg to the intersection.

She said Swan council had secured 2007-08 State black spot funding to extend the existing

left-turn slip lane and construction of a heavy vehicle turning apron on Lord Street for cars turning east on to Reid Highway.

"These works target the predominant crash problem - rear-end crashes on Lord Street which represents about 80 per cent of all crashes reported at this intersection," she said.

A survey taken during the Redspot campaign revealed the Reid Highway and Lord Street one of the top five worst intersections in Swan.

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