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Worsley finalises Road Safety Plan

Road improvements, better lighting and off-site car parking are some of the key recommendations for improving road safety during Worsley Alumina's A\$2.5 billion Efficiency and Growth Expansion Project.

The recommendations are contained in a Road Safety Report commissioned by Worsley and carried out by GHD Consultants.

The report, completed this week, examined predicted traffic volumes around Worsley's refinery near Collie and mining operations near Boddington as a result of the expansion.

Additional traffic associated with other major projects in the region, including construction of the Bluewaters power stations near Collie and the reopened Boddington Gold Mine, was also assessed.

Recommendations on how to reduce and manage these traffic volumes and improve road safety during the construction phase of the Worsley Expansion Project included:

- Improvements to the intersection of Gastaldo Road-Coalfields Highway;
- Lighting the intersections of Coalfields Highway-Gastaldo Road and Australind Bypass-Raymond Road;
- Parking facilities on Raymond Road and Coalfields Highway;
- Heavy vehicle curfews at peak shift changeovers to reduce interaction with light vehicles;
- Promotion of preferred travel routes to each construction site;
- Driver education campaigns.

Worsley Expansion Director Warren McKenzie said Worsley would now work with Main Roads, WA Police, local governments, other agencies and other major road users to implement the recommendations as soon as possible.

A steering committee taking in key stakeholders would meet for the first time today.

Mr McKenzie said Worsley was prepared to commit considerable funds and resources to try and make local roads safer not only for its workforce but for the wider community.

“Road safety is a top priority for the expansion project and we want to work with other major road users and road authorities to manage the increased traffic and make some real improvements,” Mr McKenzie said.

“We have asked the consultants to tell us what we can do quickly and within the time frame of the construction project and we are already moving on some of those measures.”

Talks are already under way with local governments and Main Roads on road maintenance, lighting, car parks and intersection improvements.

The first stage of an accommodation camp is nearing completion near the Worsley refinery. The camp will hold up to 1550 workers who will be bussed to and from the refinery significantly reducing traffic volumes.

About 4000 construction jobs are expected to be created at Worsley’s mine and refinery over the 31-month life of the expansion project, which will lift annual alumina production capacity from 3.5 million to 4.6 million tonnes.

Another \$500 million will be spent on a new multi-fuel cogeneration power plant.

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