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Improvements to the Stuart Highway at Tulagi Road intersection

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure will begin work this week on the modification of the Tulagi Road intersection on the Stuart Highway.

Road Networks Senior Director, Ernie Wanka said the works will involve a number of improvements which includes the removal of traffic lights on the Stuart Highway inbound lanes and the construction of an acceleration lane for citybound motorists turning right from Tulagi Road onto the Stuart Highway.

“The elimination of the lights will remove one point of delay on the Stuart Highway and will allow the inbound traffic to Darwin to have uninterrupted flow of traffic through this intersection,” Mr Wanka said.

To allow for the construction of the acceleration lane, 80 *Syzygium Armstrongii* trees will be removed and transplanted to the left-hand side verge on the Stuart Highway inbound between Temple Terrace and Tulagi Road.

Temporary lane closures on the Stuart Highway between Tulagi Road intersection and Yarrowonga turnoff will commence on Monday, 10 April, to allow for the extensive pruning and removal of the trees.

The temporary lane closures will be in place between 9am and 3.30pm to minimise the effect on peak-hour traffic.

The Department will be advising of further temporary traffic management arrangements as needed to allow the construction of the works.

BMD Constructions have been awarded the contract to carry out the work at a cost of \$571,572. The works are expected to be completed in June 2006.

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