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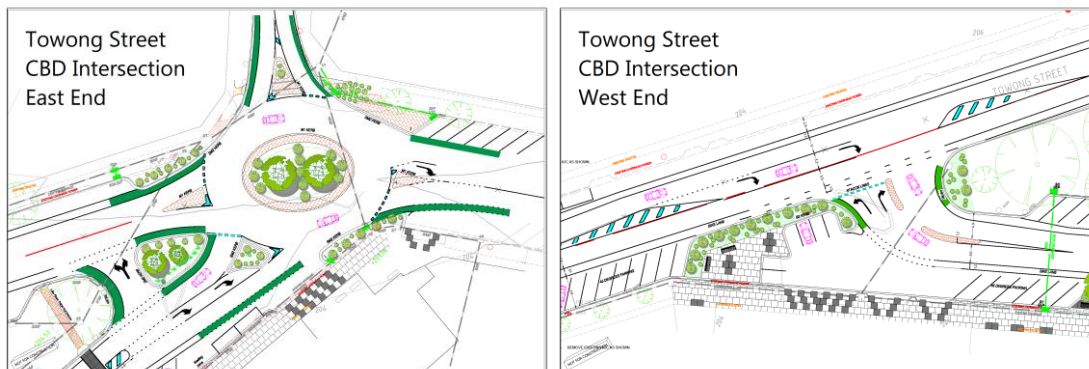
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Towong Street Intersection Upgrades

Towong Shire Council has developed with designs for intersection upgrades on Towong Street at the Eastern and Western ends of the Triangles. The designs are intended to improve safety, traffic flow and pedestrian links in the vicinity of the intersection. Towong Shire Council Mayor, Cr David Wortmann, said "The upgrade will include the installation of a roundabout, traffic islands, line marking and landscaping at the Western end with modification of the intersection alignment and the proposed addition of five new car parking spaces at the Eastern end".

The images below are provided for presentation purposes. Large format plans are available for viewing at Council's Tallangatta office.



Cr Wortmann confirmed that preliminary consultation with nearby residents and business owners had been conducted during the design phase of the project. To test the design prior to final construction temporary line marking, kerb and traffic islands will be installed in April this year with fine tuning of the design continuing through to October. The temporary installation will test the functional layout of the roundabout and associated infrastructure. Cr Wortmann said "no pavement works will be conducted at this time therefore the shape of the existing road through the temporary roundabout may not be ideal". This issue will be resolved once the pavement works are completed as part of the final construction. Cr Wortmann asked that all road users adhere to speed restrictions during this time. Users of the roundabout are invited to provide constructive feedback to Council's Director Technical Services, Mr Jamie Heritage at Council's Tallangatta office (Ph: 02 6071 5100).

In addition to the intersection works, from April to October works will be undertaken by North East Water to upgrade the water main. Ausnet Services will also be installing an underground electricity distribution system and removing the overhead electricity lines. The majority of these works will occur within the Towong Street shopping precinct. There will be some minor disruption to traffic flows whilst the works are underway. For details of the design please refer to Council's website and visit the Council Offices in Tallangatta.

These projects will be jointly funded by Towong Shire Council (using ratepayer funds) and the Federal Government's National Stronger Regions Fund as part of the Destination Tallangatta project.