



Hot spot ... the intersection of Great Northern Highway and West Swan Road.

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Road reignites rage

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SWAN Valley residents and motorists are furious that a dangerous Upper Swan intersection is still awaiting modification after another serious accident at the site last week.

The latest crash at the intersection of Great Northern Highway and West Swan Road occurred last Tuesday, November 15, when a car collided with a semi-trailer. One person was airlifted to hospital.

Swan Valley Progress Association president Rod Henderson said residents were greatly annoyed that nothing had been done, despite the high number of accidents that had occurred at the stop-signed T-junction.

"The association has had enough of the pain, death and destruction at that intersection," Mr Henderson said. "We've been advised that funding has been approved so why has nothing happened?"

"It simply isn't good enough - it's a horrific intersection."

The association lodged motions at the 2007 and 2006 City of Swan annual electors' meetings for the City to liaise with Main Roads WA to fix the intersection quickly and to initiate traffic lights at the intersection.

The intersection is on a 20.9km section of the Great Northern Highway that was granted \$65 million in federal funding for widening and reconstruction works.

Work on the 2.2km section of road between Apple Street and West Swan Road is scheduled for 2007-08, while the 2km section from West

Swan Road to Haddrill Road is scheduled for reconstruction and widening in 2008-09.

The intersection was identified by WA motorists in last year's RAC Red Spot Survey as a traffic congestion hot spot.

Observations at the intersection by Main Roads WA found that turning movements were tight and that the intersection layout was restricted by the nearby bridge over the Swan River.

The City of Swan did not return requests for comment.

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