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Playing a vital role in our recovery

Treasurer Josh Frydenberg presented his second budget with COVID-centric promises of a \$7.5 billion infrastructure pipeline, with a further \$2 billion for safer roads projects to lead the recovery, bringing the Traffic Management industry into the limelight.

The Traffic Management Association of Australia (TMAA) Executive Officer Louise Van Ristell applauded the budget declarations which expands the Government's 10-year infrastructure plan and will result in a total COVID spend of \$14 billion.

Ms Van Ristell said the traffic management industry played a vital role in the recovery and was the cornerstone of all COVID related projects.

"Only in August the Deputy Prime Minister, Michael McCormack, again acknowledged the industry's contribution in an article for our TMAA Detours Magazine, stating "traffic management and traffic control have a vital role to play", she said.

"We are the signature industry for all infrastructure, emergency, and health projects, providing seamless transition to site access and safety for work pipelines," she said.

Ms Van Ristell said the budget created major employment opportunities within the industry. "The Budget's JobMaker Hiring Credit and Job Training funds will boost industry expansion to embrace the plethora of projects ahead."

"The Government's willingness to provide jobs for the infrastructure boom ahead will be felt in both regional and metropolitan sectors," she said. "Our industry will be seeking trained traffic controllers to be part of this recovery, working on the frontline on sites across Australia."

"Delivery by the Federal Government and project commencement are key. Large business and SMEs will be able to recruit, train and retain staff for project start-ups," she said.

"Construction and roads businesses cannot commence work without our people in place," she said. "We are already playing a vital role in the economic recovery from COVID 19 and the Budget has provided an avenue for this to continue," she said.

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