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RACT welcomes funding certainty for road upgrades, but more needs to be done to improve road safety

The RACT has welcomed funding certainty for a number of road upgrades announced in today's budget.

Chief Member Experience Officer, Stacey Pennicott, said many of these projects have previously been announced.

"This budget delivers on the Government's key commitments around road funding. What's needed now is to ensure there are firm timelines to get those projects underway and for the Government to stick to them," Ms Pennicott said.

"We are concerned that it looks like the timeline for the Bridgewater Bridge has slipped out again, from completion in 2024 to 2025, for example.

"It was pleasing to see the Government announce it would transition to electric cars in its fleet by 2030. This will help encourage a greater take-up of electric vehicles more broadly in Tasmania and support the installation of more charging stations throughout the State.

"In our budget submission, we called for the Government to fund a number of vital road upgrades. These include upgrades to Tasmania's regional roads - especially roads that support the tourism sector - and the Arthur Highway, as well as long-term, ten year plan for the Bass Highway.

"We have received very strong feedback from our members in support of these projects and we will continue to encourage the Government to prioritise them.

"We also believe that more needs to be done regarding road maintenance. Investing in effective road maintenance is crucial to keep our roads as safe as possible. Not only would boosting road maintenance create safer roads, it would also provide an immediate economic stimulus."