

Reasons for road changes

THE new roadworks east of Merredin have been causing some problems for motorists, but Merredin Shire chief executive officer Frank Ludovico said the unusual layout of the road was to improve safety in the long term.

The road now has a tight corner near the railway crossing but Mr Ludovico said this was so there were no problems when trucks pull up for the stop sign located 20 metres from the crossing.

Mr Ludovico said there had been some complaints about the new road layout, but it was done to ensure trucks would not be left stranded with their

trailers on the road or tracks if they had to stop.

"We only had 20 metres between the stop sign and the crossing, and the longest trucks we get in Merredin are 36 metres long," he said.

"While it may be an inconvenience to some motorists, the new layout means there will be no problems for trucks coming into town."

A new right turn lane will also be added so slowing cars do not impede traffic.

The roadworks will be completed by April.