

The Council of Formentera has overseen the application of a layer of anti-slip asphalt at six of the seven local roundabouts—the two in Es Pujols, two in Sant Ferran and the two new roundabouts in Sant Francesc Xavier.

Coatings of slurry—the technical appellation of the substance—, while already applied across the principal segments of the main highway, are still missing from portions of road affected by the most recent projects to construct roundabouts.

For this reason "and faced with the imminent spectre of the summer high-season months, during which time vehicle traffic in general (and scooter traffic in particular) experiences a surge, the Council has decided to apply this anti-slip material", explained Rafael González, councillor of infrastructure and transport of the Formentera Council.

"The goal of the action", explained the councillor, "is to minimise the risk that scooter drivers fall at roundabouts". Application of the road safety measure at the six island roundabouts cost the Council 50,000 euros.

Rafael González added that the end of June had been chosen for the road coating project because "temperatures at this time allow for the optimal transport of this material to Formentera" and apologised to any drivers inconvenienced by the activity.