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SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS FOR GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY AT FARMERS CREEK

Work will start next week on safety improvements to the Great Western Highway at Farmers Creek.

Member for Bathurst Paul Toole said the NSW Government provided $1.5 million for work to rebuild and resurface the eastbound lanes of the Great Western Highway at Lithgow, between Farmers Creek Bridge and Main Street. This follows work by Roads and Maritime Services earlier this year on the westbound lanes in the same area.

“The project aims to improve safety for motorists by providing an anti-skid surface with reduced noise levels for nearby residents and businesses,” Mr Toole said.

The eastbound fast lane of the highway will be closed to traffic until Friday 12 September, weather permitting. Work will then continue with the closure of the slow lane, expected during the week starting 13 September.

Final resurfacing work across both lanes is planned for the week starting 22 September. Work will be carried out on weekdays from 7am to 6pm and on weekends from 7am to 6pm.

Cooerwull Road traffic will be detoured via the western Cooerwull Road junction. A temporary protected right turn bay will be line marked on the highway on the westbound approach to the junction.

Once the major work is completed the temporary right turn bay and detour will be removed. Minor work, including line marking will be carried out from about Wednesday 24 September until early October, when all work will be completed, weather permitting.

“The project is part of Roads and Maritime’s commitment to deliver safe, efficient and high quality services and infrastructure with reduced ongoing maintenance costs for the community and businesses of NSW.” Mr Toole concluded

Motorists are advised to allow extra travel time and follow all signs. For the latest traffic information, visit www.livetraffic.com, download Live Traffic NSW or call 132 701.

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