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WORK PROGRESSES ON CENTRAL COAST HIGHWAY UPGRADE

The Central Coast Highway upgrade is moving closer to reality with five bridge girders installed for the new bridge across the Grieve Close connection road at West Gosford.

Member for Gosford, Chris Holstein, said the girder installation highlights strong progress for the $170 million Central Coast Highway intersection upgrade with traffic already using the first section of the bridge and work progressing well on stage two.

“Roads and Maritime Services is building the bridge in three stages to allow the highway to remain open for the more than 55,000 vehicles travelling on the road daily,” Mr Holstein said.

“The second stage of building the bridge involved the installation of five concrete girders, each weighing 33 tonnes to support the new bridge deck.

“A total of 14 girders will be installed for the 23.5 metre long, 30 metre wide bridge.

After the second stage of the bridge is completed later this year, traffic will be diverted onto this section for work to start on the third stage.

Mr Holstein said the bridge is expected to completely open to traffic mid next year, weather permitting.

“The Central Coast highway intersection upgrade aims to improve traffic flow, travel times and safety for all road users while improving capacity for future traffic in the region,” Mr Holstein said.

“Other work involved in the upgrade includes widening and realigning Brisbane Water Drive and Manns Road to form a single intersection with the Central Coast Highway controlled by traffic lights.

“We thank road users for their patience while major work for the upgrade continues until late 2016, weather permitting.”

The project forms part of Roads and Maritime’s commitment to deliver safe, efficient and high quality services and infrastructure to the community and businesses of the Central Coast.

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