KATRINA WELCOMES A SPRING START FOR NEXT STAGE OF UPGRADE WORK ON GOCUP ROAD

Member for Cootamundra and Parliamentary Secretary for Southern NSW, Katrina Hodgkinson today advised planning for the $70 million upgrade of Gocup Road is progressing well with further work expected to start from mid-October this year, weather permitting.

Katrina said projects to be carried out on Gocup Road at Stuckeys Creek and Quidong Corner, 13 kilometres north of Tumut and Smarts Road and 6 kilometres north of Tumut will involve widening the road, straightening curves and improving drainage.

“Roads and Maritime is finalising the development of these projects for building work to start in warmer months,” Katrina said.

“Environmental assessments and design work is continuing for the remaining sections of Gocup Road to be upgraded across the next five years.

“Overall the upgrade work planned for Gocup Road, between Tumut and Gundagai, includes widening the road, straightening curves, installing overtaking lanes and wire rope and strengthening sections of the road surface to withstand heavy loads,” Katrina said.

“This upgrade work will improve road safety for all Gocup Road users while meeting the needs of existing and future freight vehicles and minimising future maintenance costs.

Katrina said the Gocup Road steering committee, consisting of representatives from Roads and Maritime and Gundagai and Tumut Shire Councils meets regularly around planning for the upgrade.

“The committee aims to ensure road users, local residents and businesses will be kept up to date about project progress and how impacts from the work may affect them.

“While we are looking at a number of years of improvement work along sections of Gocup Road, the end result will be significant to the region.

“This work will ensure Gocup Road can continue to service heavy vehicles, local communities and businesses, commuters and tourists.”
Katrina said work has completed recently on two sections of Gocup Road – at Minjary Creek north of Tumut and near the abattior three kilometres south of Gundagai.

“These projects have significantly improved road safety by widening the road, straightening curves and improving drainage.

“If community members and business/transport operators would like to receive email updates about planned work and their impacts they should email gocup.road.upgrade@rms.nsw.gov.au to be included on an email distribution list,” Katrina said.

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