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WORK STARTS TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND TRAFFIC FLOW ON CARY STREET AT TORONTO

Roads and Maritime Services have started work to improve road safety and traffic flow on Cary Street at Toronto today.

Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter, Scot MacDonald MLC, said the NSW Government allocated $5.5 million this financial year to upgrade Cary Street between The Boulevarde and Bay Street.

“The safety improvements are aimed at reducing congestion and delays during peak travel times and improving safety along Cary Street,” Mr MacDonald said.

“Cary Street will be widened on the western side to provide two lanes in each direction between The Boulevarde and Victory Parade with right turn bays installed at the Donnelly Avenue and James Street intersection.”

“New traffic lights will also be installed at the Donnelly Avenue and James Street intersection.”

Mr MacDonald said that Cary Street is used by around 25,000 vehicles a day and provides direct access to residential, commercial and recreational areas in the Toronto CBD and to west Lake Macquarie.

“There were 23 crashes resulting in 17 injuries since the start of 2010, from south of Thorne Street to north of Victory Parade,” Mr MacDonald said.

“A site compound will be installed on James Street at Toronto from Monday 21 September and work to relocate utilities will continue with road widening activities starting soon.”

“Concrete safety barriers will also be installed for the safety of motorists and workers.”

Changed traffic conditions including traffic control, lane closures and a temporary reduced 40km/h speed limit will be in place on weekdays between 6.30am and 5.30pm.

The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2016, weather permitting.

Roads and Maritime thanks residents and motorists for their patience during the work.

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