Member for Riverstone, Kevin Conolly said today work on the $135 million upgrade of Schofields Road at Schofields will reach a new milestone with a traffic switch scheduled to take place onto new sections of the road from next week.

A traffic switch is scheduled to take place on Schofields Road between Tallawong Road and Boundary Road from 5am on Monday 12 October, weather permitting, to progress road surfacing work.

“The NSW Government is progressively upgrading Schofields Road to four lanes between Windsor and Richmond roads to improve capacity along this key east-west corridor in the North West Growth Centre,” Mr Conolly said.

“Stage two has been fast tracked with a $70 million commitment from the Housing Acceleration Fund to improve travel for road users between the Rouse Hill and future Marsden Park town centres, Schofields Railway Station and future Sydney Metro stations.

“New traffic lights will be installed at the intersections of Hambledon, Boundary, Junction and Veron roads and Railway Terrace as part of this 3.6 kilometre road upgrade.

“Pedestrians, cyclists, public transport users and motorists will all benefit from a shared path, new street lighting to increase safety and bus priority measures to improve peak hour travel times.”

Mr Conolly said In preparation for the traffic switch, work will be carried out from 5am on Friday 9 October to 5am Monday 12 October, weather permitting.

“To progress work, the Schofields Road and Hambledon Road intersection will be closed to build a new westbound lane on Schofields Road, with a temporary intersection south of the current intersection until June 2016, weather permitting,” Mr Conolly said.

“To ensure the safety of workers and all road users, a temporary detour will be place while work is carried out, with access maintained for local residents.

“Roads and Maritime thanks roads users for their patience and will continue to work closely with residents as the upgrade progresses.

“Stage two is expected to be completed by early 2017, weather permitting.

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