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UPGRADE OF CENTRAL COAST HIGHWAY INTERSECTION

Roads and Maritime Services advises motorists work will start on Monday 21 March to upgrade the Central Coast Highway and Racecourse Road intersection at West Gosford.

Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast, Scot MacDonald MLC said the NSW Government has allocated $2.1 million this financial year to start work on the intersection upgrade to reduce congestion and improve traffic efficiency and safety for the 40,000 vehicles using this section of the highway each day.

“In the five years to December 2014 there were 17 crashes including seven crashes involving injuries at this intersection,” Mr MacDonald said.

“Work will involve providing a new dedicated left turn lane with traffic lights from the Central Coast Highway onto Racecourse Road to allow for an additional third through lane for motorists travelling east on the highway.

“A traffic light controlled left turn lane for motorists turning from Racecourse Road onto the highway will also be provided.

“Pedestrian safety will also be improved with a new pedestrian crossing installed across the highway and a new 2.5 metre wide shared path for pedestrians and cyclists installed along the northern side of the Central Coast Highway, extending along Racecourse Road.”

To reduce the impact to motorists’ early work will be carried out between 7pm and 5am Sunday to Thursday for seven weeks, weather permitting.

Member for Terrigal, Adam Crouch MP said “Major work is expected to start late April and will be carried out between 7am and 6pm during the week and between 8am and 1pm on Saturday, weather permitting.”

“Changed traffic conditions including a 40 km/h reduced speed limit, temporary safety barriers, lane closures and traffic control will be in place for the safety of workers and motorists.”

Motorists should plan their trip, allow extra travel time and follow the direction of all signs.

The project is expected to be completed by April next year.

Roads and Maritime thanks the community for its patience while this essential upgrade is carried out.
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