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WORK TO START IN OCTOBER ON NEXT MAJOR STAGE IN THE $70 MILLION COMMITMENT TO UPGRADE GOCUP ROAD

Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Roads, Freight and Transport, Kevin Anderson today announced preliminary work will start in early October on the $44 million upgrade of Gocup Road between Doctors Hill and Halfway Hill.

Mr Anderson said the NSW Government has committed $23.5 million this financial year for the continuing upgrade of Gocup Road to improve freight access and safety for all vehicles, as part of a $70 million commitment across five years.

“Ertech Pty Ltd was recently announced as the successful tenderer and will carry out the work on behalf of Roads and Maritime Services, with preliminary work such as establishing the site and sediment basins to get under way on Monday 9 October,” Mr Anderson said.

“Major work to be carried out between Doctors Hill and Halfway Hill will involve providing two overtaking lanes, widening and realigning the road as well as installing safety barriers and two permanent bus stops. Work is expected to start by the end of October, weather permitting.

“Work will take place on weekdays between 7am and 6pm and on Saturdays between 8am and 1pm, weather permitting.

“The upgrade of Gocup Road has been under way progressively since 2012 and aims to provide a safer road environment to reduce the frequency and severity of crashes for all vehicles.”

Mr Anderson said the work would support more efficient high productivity vehicle access, particularly for the local timber and milling industry, while being sensitive to the area’s natural environment, heritage and local communities.

“Since work on the Gocup Road upgrade started, six projects have been completed at Meadow Creek, South Minjary, Quidong, Smarts Road, Quidong Corner and Stuckeys Creek.

“Gocup Road links the Snowy Mountains Highway at Tumut to the Hume Highway at Gundagai.

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