IMPROVED TRAVEL TIMES AND REDUCED DRIVER FRUSTRATION WITH NEW OVERTAKING LANES FOR LACHLAN VALLEY WAY

Travelling along Lachlan Valley Way in south western NSW is about to become even safer with work to start shortly on new overtaking lanes in the Hilltops Shire Council and Yass Valley Council local government areas.

Member for Goulburn Pru Goward said the NSW Government provided $6.9 million to build overtaking lanes in both directions on the key commuter road which connects residents of the Cootamundra and Goulburn electorates with the Hume Highway and Goulburn and Canberra.

“Work to improve safe overtaking opportunities will start with the realignment and widening of the existing road and construction of a new $4.4 million, 1.2 kilometre northbound lane, eight kilometres north of Kangiara Creek, to start in mid November,” Ms Goward said.

“The work will also include improved drainage, the installation of guardrails and upgraded signposts. Once completed, this safety work will also remove the current 80 km/h restricted speed limit in the northbound overtaking lane project area and return to the original 100 km/h.”

“The work to build the $2.5 million southbound overtaking lane, near Kangiara Creek, is scheduled to follow soon after, from early December, weather permitting. This initial work will involve relocating Telstra services and tree clearing with major earthworks and road construction to start in January 2018.”

Ms Goward said Roads and Maritime Services had spent many months ensuring optimal planning and consultation for the overtaking lane project.

“This location is of Aboriginal significance, which meant a full Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment was carried out to ensure the project complies with Roads and Maritime’s procedures and would not negatively impact the cultural heritage of local Aboriginal communities.

“The full investigation included in depth consultation with local Aboriginal community representatives and detailed test excavation work, during which there were no artefacts discovered or objections to the project.

“Lachlan Valley Way has a high crash history with 11 crashes between 2011 and 2016, including one fatality and two serious injuries at the project locations.

“This work to build new overtaking lanes will improve travel times and safety while reducing road user frustration.”
“Work will be carried out on weekdays from 7am to 6pm and on weekends from 8am to 4pm, weather permitting. For motorist and worker safety, some lane closures and a reduced speed limit of 40 km/h will be in place through the work sites, please follow all traffic control directions and signs.

Roads and Maritime thanks the community for its patience during this important upgrade work.

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