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SHOVELS READY FOR WORK ON NEW ENGLAND HIGHWAY

Motorists travelling on the New England Highway will soon experience smoother journeys.

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said $650,000 has been secured for maintenance work to be carried out from next week about 4.5 kilometres east of Tamworth.

“The New England Highway is one of the region’s busiest and most important transport routes connecting to the Hunter region at its southern end up to the Queensland border at the north,” Mr Anderson said.

“Work will involve resurfacing a one kilometre section of the highway between the Caltex depot and Bourkes Bridge as well as improvements to drainage.

“This is about providing a smoother and longer lasting road and reducing the need for future ongoing maintenance.

“We are adding this project to the list of highway improvements in our electorate currently underway. We are serious about spending money on highway improvements to better connect our communities and improve freight networks.”

Work will be carried out from Monday 30 October between 7am and 6pm on weekdays as well as between 8am and 1pm on Saturdays and take about six weeks to complete, weather permitting.

Mr Anderson said changed traffic conditions including temporary lane closures and a reduced speed limit will be in place.

“Motorists are advised to plan their journey and allow extra travel time, as delays of up to 10 minutes are expected while the work is carried out.

“Up to date information including any changes to dates and detours will be displayed on electronic messaging signs.”

Mr Anderson and Roads and Maritime Services thank motorists for their patience while work takes place.