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PEDESTRIAN SAFETY GETS A LIFT ON PENNANT HILLS ROAD AT NORTH PARRAMATTA

Pedestrian safety along Pennant Hills Road at North Parramatta will soon be improved as work continues on the new pedestrian bridge.

Member for Parramatta, Geoff Lee welcomed the NSW Government’s $5 million investment to build the pedestrian bridge to improve safety for local students, pedestrians and cyclists.

“The bridge will separate pedestrians from the busy main road and provide a safer and more accessible crossing for people with limited mobility, prams and bicycles,” Geoff said.

“On average, around 200 pedestrians cross at the traffic lights during peak hours with the highest number of users being school students.”

“There are several schools and a shopping centre in the immediate area so the bridge is going to make a big difference for those going to school or shops as well as to traffic flows,” added Mr Lee.

Geoff said work on the new pedestrian bridge and intersection upgrades is expected to be completed by April next year, weather permitting.

“Work on the first stage of work is complete and crews are now working on the second stage to build the lift shafts and stairs, install the lifts, lift the bridge in to place and landscape,” Geoff said.

“Once the bridge is built and lifts installed, parents with prams and people with limited mobility will be able to enjoy improved access across Pennant Hills Road.”

“Crews will be onsite on weekdays from 7am to 6pm and on Saturdays from 8am to 1pm, excluding public holidays.

“Some night work will be carried out from 7pm to 5am, excluding Saturdays.”

“Work is expected to take around 160 day shifts and 35 night shifts to complete and may be noisy at times but all measures will be taken to minimise impact to residents and businesses.”
Geoff said work will not be carried out during the Christmas and New Year holidays from Sunday 24 December to Friday 5 January 2018 inclusive.

"I thank the community for their patience while work is carried out," Geoff said.

Traffic control and lane closures will be in place for the safety of workers and motorists.

Motorists are advised to drive to the conditions and follow the directions of signs and traffic control.

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