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UPGRADE OF GOCUP ROAD BETWEEN DOCTORS HILL AND HALFWAY HILL PROGRESSING WELL

Work is progressing well on the Doctors Hills and Halfway Hill section of the Gocup Road upgrade, which started last month.

Daryl Maguire MP, Member for Wagga Wagga said the NSW Government provided $44 million for the work which involves building two overtaking lanes, widening and realigning the road and installing safety barriers and two permanent bus stops along a 5.4 kilometre section of Gocup Road.

“Ertech Pty Ltd is carrying out the work on behalf of Roads and Maritime Services, which is due for completion in June 2019,” Mr Maguire said.

“Work on Gocup Road is being carried out between 7am and 6pm on weekdays and between 8am and 1pm on Saturdays, weather permitting.

“Motorists are advised there may be lane closures and reduced speed limits in place during work hours for the safety of road users and workers.

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

Roads and Maritime is also continuing to plan for the Gocup Road Cookoomooroo project.


Mr Maguire said Gocup Road is a 31 kilometre two-lane rural road linking the Snowy Mountains Highway at Tumut to the Hume Highway at Gundagai and provides a vital link between Sydney, Melbourne and the local area.

“It was previously a regional road but was reclassified as a state road due to significant changes in economic activity and traffic flow in the area, particularly with the expansion of the local timber industry.

“The road is generally narrow, with tight corners and steep sections. High numbers of heavy vehicles use the road mainly because of the local timber and milling industry.”

Previous work on Gocup Road to improve road safety by widening the road, strengthening the road surface, straightening curves and improving drainage include:
Daryl Maguire MP
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- A $2.5 million project to widen around 1.5 kilometres of the road at Meadow Creek, eight kilometres north of Tumut, was completed in 2012
- A 660 metre section south of Meadow Creek was widened and rebuilt at a cost of $1.4 million, with work completed in May 2014
- Work to improve road shoulders and road alignment on a 3 kilometre section at Minjary Creek and a location called Quidong 90 was completed in June 2015 at a cost of $2.8 million
- $5 million of road widening, realignment and intersection improvements, 3 kilometres south of Gundagai near the abattoir, was finished in May 2015
- $2 million of road widening and strengthening works, including improvement of the curve at Quidong Corner, was completed in June 2016. The project is located 13 kilometres north of Tumut
- $7.4 million of road widening and strengthening works at Smarts Road, including significant safety improvements throughout the project length, was completed in December 2016. The project is located 4 kilometres north of Tumut
- $4 million of road widening and strengthening works, as well as a number of safety improvements, was completed along a 1.8 kilometre stretch of Gocup Road at Stuckeys Creek, 13 kilometres north of Tumut, in June this year.