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MAJOR PROGRESS ON NORTH WEST ROAD PROJECTS

Minister for Roads Duncan Gay and Member for Riverstone Kevin Conolly today announced significant progress is being made on two major congestion-busting projects in the north west of Sydney.

"Christmas has come early for local and visiting road users with reduced travel times and increased safety on a new section of Richmond Road opened to traffic today," Mr Gay said.

"The NSW Government has already spent $39 million on the first stage of upgrade work on Richmond Road between Bells Creek and Townson Road which was completed last year – with $96 million allocated for this current upgrade section, that is a historic $135 million government investment into Richmond Road.

"Today we can also announce the preferred route has been selected for the Denmark Link Road upgrade which will cut delays at a nearby well-known congestion hotspot in Riverstone.

"These projects demonstrate the NSW Government is committed to planning and delivering crucial road upgrades to support our newest suburbs."

An enormous program of NSW Government roadwork is being planned and delivered in the North West Growth Centre to support new residential and industrial centres in the area, which will see more than 70,000 new homes built in coming years.

The current 2.9 kilometre upgrade of Richmond Road runs from Townson Road to 900 metres north of Garfield Road West and is expected to be complete by late next year.

Mr Connolly said today traffic had been moved onto a new section of about one kilometre of the new Richmond Road between Grange Avenue and Elara Boulevard at Marsden Park, so work could start on the upgrade’s new southbound lanes.

"Riverstone is a growing suburb and requires new road infrastructure to improve connectivity and reduce congestion," Mr Conolly said.

The Denmark Link Road project plans to provide a two lane local road from Garfield Road West and Denmark Road intersection at Riverstone to Westminster Street Bridge at Schofields.

As part of the plan, West Parade will be extended to connect near the Westminster Street Bridge and also connect to a new signalised intersection for Westminster Street and Railway Terrace which has work expected to start early next year.

For more information on the North West Growth Centre road upgrades visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au

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