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M4 SMART MOTORWAY ONE STEP CLOSER

Minister for Roads Duncan Gay today announced tenders were open for the M4 Smart Motorway detailed design, a project which will bring Western Sydney motorists into the 21st century.

The $400 million M4 Smart Motorway project is one of the NSW Government's Rebuilding NSW election commitments.

The project will turn the M4 into Sydney's first “smart motorway”, which aims to reduce travel times by up to 15 minutes from Lapstone to Parramatta by 2020.

“The project will also extend and widen exit and entry ramps, widen the M4 to four lanes in each direction between the M7 and Roper Road, and include new truck bypass lanes to keep slow vehicles off the main motorway at key sections,” Mr Gay said.

“Inviting tenders means we are one step closer to faster travel times for Western Sydney motorists.”

The intelligent technology will help manage congestion on the M4 between the Pitt Street overpass at Parramatta and the Great Western Highway at Lapstone.

Vehicle detection systems will be located about every 500 metres along the motorway to detect delays and congestion so the advised speed limit changes to keep traffic moving.

A new lane management system including around 80 gantries, additional emergency facilities and variable speed limit signs will also be installed.

More than 100 new CCTV cameras will provide real time information to traffic controllers to help manage and monitor traffic flows and incidents.

Electronic message signs will keep motorists informed and convey real time travel information.

The project will also help reduce the number of crashes by up to 30 per cent per year.

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