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NORTH WOLLONGONG INTERCHANGE WORK TO START IN MARCH

Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Roads, John Ajaka MLC today announced work will start in March to extend the northbound right turn lane from the Memorial Drive off ramp at the North Wollongong interchange.

“The NSW Government has allocated $780,000 for the project which aims to improve traffic flow at the intersection,” Mr Ajaka said.

“This important intersection links the Memorial Drive with the Princes Highway and Mount Ousley Road, providing access to and from the Wollongong CBD, the TAFE and Wollongong High School and to a lesser degree, the university.

“The work to extend the right turn bay by about 100 metres northbound on the Memorial Drive off ramp aims to improve traffic flow and reduce delays especially at peak travel times for motorists turning right.

“The extension of the right turn bay is also expected to reduce the risk of rear end crashes by better separating traffic turning right and left from the off ramp.

“The right turn bay extension work will be carried out from 7am to 3.30pm on weekdays from Monday 4 March and is expected to take about four weeks to complete, weather permitting.

“Motorists will retain access to the ramp while work is being carried out.

“Work will also continue to upgrade the two sets of traffic lights on the bridge over Memorial Drive at North Wollongong.

“When completed, the lights will then operate together to help traffic move through the intersection more efficiently.

“For the protection of motorists and workers, one northbound and one southbound lane next to the median on the Princes Highway as well as the road shoulder will be closed during the work on the traffic lights.

“Work will be carried out from 9.30am to 2.30pm on weekdays and is expected to take six weeks to complete, weather permitting.

“A reduced roadwork speed limit of 40km/h will be in place across the work sites.

“Work to upgrade the pedestrian ramps will also be carried out to bring them up to current standards,” Mr Ajaka said.

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