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MAITLAND ROUNDBOUGHT UPGRADES REACH FIRST MILESTONE

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Maitland MP Robyn Parker has welcomed advice that road users travelling the New England Highway are about to benefit from improved safety and traffic flow as work advances on the Maitland roundabout upgrades at Church Street, near Maitland Railway Station, and High Street, near Maitland Hospital.

“The Roads and Maritime Services project team is making good progress on the upgrades, particularly at the Railway Station roundabout which started in mid-August,” Ms Parker said.

“Work involves removing the roundabout entry on Walker Street and building a left turn slip lane onto Cessnock Road.

“A U-turn bay on Cessnock Road will be built to provide access to the roundabout from Walker Street to improve travel along Cessnock Road and the New England Highway. A left turn slip lane from Cessnock Road will also be built onto the highway.

“We expect the community to benefit from improved safety at night with street lighting to be installed and underground utilities relocated.

“The first stage of early work at the Railway Station roundabout will be completed overnight with motorists able to use the left turn slip lane from Walker Street onto Cessnock Road and the U-turn bay about 300 metres to the south on Cessnock Road,” Ms Parker said.

“Roads and Maritime will continue work at the Railway Station roundabout in the new year and road users are reminded to slow down even when work is not under way.

“Work progressing ahead of schedule means improved traffic flow and other benefits will be a reality sooner for motorists and community members.

“The NSW Government has provided $45 million for upgrades to the two existing roundabouts on the New England Highway at Maitland through the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund.

“We aim for all road users to benefit from the upgrade as traffic increases in the busy area.

“Building of the eastbound overpass at the Railway Station roundabout will start late 2014 and is expected to be completed by late 2015, weather permitting,” Ms Parker said.

For more information about the project visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects.

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