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EARLY WORK STARTS FOR DEADMANS CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Ms Gibbons joined Treasurer Andrew Constance to announce the NSW Government’s commitment of $19 million to replace the Deadmans Creek Bridge to improve safety for all road users, including heavy vehicles.

Early work including vegetation removal is expected to start next month for the project to replace the bridge over Deadmans Creek along Heathcote Road at Sandy Point.

“Heathcote Road is a major arterial road providing access from Liverpool to Wollongong servicing local and commercial traffic including to the Department of Defence at Holsworthy,” Ms Gibbons said.

“Once completed, the new two-lane, 12.6 metre wide Deadmans Creek bridge will provide a safer passage for all road users in an alignment slightly west of the existing bridge.”

“The Liberals and Nationals Government has invested heavily in road maintenance and infrastructure in this year’s Budget,” Mr Constance said.

Minister for Roads Duncan Gay said this funding would be an important milestone for the project.

“We’ve done the planning, so work can now begin on this important project,” Minister Gay said.

Roads and Maritime Services will raise the road alignment to improve flood protection and improve drainage at Heathcote Road and St George Crescent during wet weather.

Dedicated left and right turn lanes are also proposed to be built south bound from St George Crescent and a raised median and two left turn islands installed to improve turning safety into Heathcote Road.

In November 2012, a preferred design for the replacement of the bridge was identified and the community was invited to comment on the concept design.

“The current bridge, built during World War II, no longer meets design standards and is starting to show major wear and tear,” Ms Gibbons said.

Improvements to the intersection of Heathcote Road and St George Crescent at Sandy Point will also be carried out as part of the project in response to community feedback.

“It is great to see work on the bridge about to start and the improvements at the entrance to Sandy Point will make such a difference for residents. I will enjoy watching this project take place and am looking forward to seeing the new bridge being built” Ms Gibbons said.

Major building work is expected to start later this year to build the bridge.

For more information on the Deadmans Creek replacement project visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au

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