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VIEW DESIGN IMPROVEMENTS TO PRINCES HIGHWAY UPGRADE AT DIGNAMS CREEK

Member for Bega Andrew Constance invites the community to view design improvements made to the Princes Highway upgrade at Dignams Creek which aim to further improve safety.

Mr Constance said the NSW Government allocated $1.8 million this year to continue planning safety work on the highway about 17 kilometres north of Cobargo.

“The proposed upgrade includes replacing the bridge over Dignams Creek, moving the Dignams Creek Road and Princes Highway intersection and upgrading the existing southbound overtaking lane south of Dignams Creek Road,” Mr Constance said.

“During detailed design work, improvements were identified including moving the intersection of Dignams Creek Road from the western side of the highway to the eastern side and building a new underpass for Dignams Creek Road,” Mr Constance said.

“These changes aim to remove the steep grade on Dignams Creek Road, reduce the visual impact for residents by removing a 13 metre high retaining wall and reducing the potential environmental impact on nearby Blind Creek.

“The changes also remove the need to provide flood prone property access under the proposed new bridge.”

Mr Constance said the work will also reduce crash risk after 17 crashes occurred on this section of road resulting in 11 injuries in the five years to June 2013.

“Roads and Maritime invites community members to view these improvements now online,” he said.

“The detailed design is expected to be completed by late this year with timing to build the project to be confirmed.”

Community members are invited to view a community update explaining the changes being distributed this month and online at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects.

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