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HEAVY LIFT CRANE WORKING ON MAITLAND EASTBOUND OVERPASS

A 500 tonne crane has arrived on site as Roads and Maritime Services continues to build the eastbound overpass near the Railway Station roundabout on Church Street at Maitland.

Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter, Scot MacDonald MLC said the NSW Government allocated $51 million to improve safety and traffic flow on the New England Highway at Maitland.

“The overpass will provide two lanes of eastbound traffic along the New England Highway above the Church Street roundabout and flood plain area to the north of the highway, at the eastern end of the bridge,” Mr MacDonald said.

“The 500 tonne crane is being used to install the first 35 of 70 bridge beams required to build the 430 metre long overpass,” Mr MacDonald said.

Most of the beams will be installed during the week between 7am and 6pm, with some weekend work, weather permitting.

Mr MacDonald said two night closures of Church Street are also required on Thursday 24 and Friday 25 September to allow the installation of beams over Church Street.

All beams are expected to be installed by the end of September, weather permitting.

Roads and Maritime will continue to keep the community informed of future work times, dates and road closures.

For more information visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au

Photo attached: from left to right: Daniel Evans, Roads and Maritime Services Site Supervisor and Scot MacDonald MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter.

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