HAVE YOUR SAY ON SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS FROM GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY AT VALLEY HEIGHTS

Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Roads Andrew Gee is encouraging road users to provide feedback on a new project, which aims to improve safety on the Great Western Highway at the intersection of Peninsula Road at Valley Heights.

“The NSW and Australian governments have jointly committed $250 million for safety improvements along the Great Western Highway between Katoomba and Lithgow, including major improvements at Mount Victoria Village, and this work forms a separate commitment to improve safety in the area,” Mr Gee said.

“Since March 2011 more than $650 million, including $87 million in the recent State Budget has been invested into upgrading and repairing the Great Western Highway. This is the largest investment in the highway in the history of the state.

“Roads and Maritime Services is proposing to replace the give way sign on Peninsula Road with a Stop sign, install a holding area in the median for motorists turning right onto the highway as well as improvements to enhance visibility at the intersection.

“The safety improvements aim to address the high number of crashes involving vehicles turning right from Peninsula Road onto the highway and rear end crashes for vehicles turning left from the highway into Peninsula Road.

“Of the ten reported crashes which occurred in the five years to 2013 at the intersection, eight involved road users turning right from Peninsula Road onto the highway and two rear-end crashes also occurred.

“With traffic counts showing just one vehicle per minute turned right during morning and afternoon peak, a Stop sign was found to be the most appropriate road safety improvement for the intersection, ahead of traffic lights.

“Community feedback is invited by Friday 9 October to Roads and Maritime Services P.O. Box 973 Parramatta CBD NSW 2124 or by email to SydneyRoadProjects@rms.nsw.gov.au.”

Feedback will be responded to in a submissions report around the proposal in coming weeks.

Roads and Maritime thanks the community for their feedback to the project, which aims to improve safety.

For more information on road safety improvements under way in the area visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au

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