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$1.3 MILLION NEW ENGLAND HIGHWAY UPGRADE UNDERWAY NEAR ARMIDALE

MEMBER for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall today inspected work which has just commenced to improve safety on the New England Highway about five kilometres south of Armidale.

Mr Marshall said the $1.3 million project aimed to improve a 1.27 kilometre section of the highway, south of the Arding Road intersection, by rebuilding the road base and resealing the surface.

"The New England Highway is a vital transport corridor for residents, tourists and heavy freight," Mr Marshall said.

"This work follows the recent completion of an $800,000 project on the highway, south of the notorious Platform Road turnoff to remove section of overtaking lane and dramatically improve the safety of the road surface.

"The New England Highway, between Armidale and Uralla, is one of the busiest sections of road in the Northern Tablelands and that’s why it’s important to continually improve the surface and road configuration to make it as safe as possible for motorists.

"I’m pleased the state government is funding the upgrade and I’ll continue to lobby the government for further improvements works funding.

"The NSW Government is funding a $1.3 million project to improve a section of the Highway just south of Armidale.

"Rebuilding the road surface near the Arding Road intersection will provide a safer and smoother journey for all road users.

Mr Marshall said work will be carried out on weekdays and some weekends from 7am to 6pm and is expected to take four weeks to complete, weather permitting.

"During work one lane will remain open to motorists with alternating traffic conditions in place under traffic control," he said.

"A reduced speed limit will also be in place and motorists are advised to expect delays of up to 10 minutes.

"Up to date information, including any date changes and detours, will be displayed on electronic message signs alongside the road.

"I want to thank motorists for their patience while this important upgrade work is carried out."

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Photo captions: 1. Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall inspected the start of road improvement works on the New England Highway today. 2. A section of the recently completed New England Highway works south of the Platform Road turnoff which dramatically improved safety of the notorious stretch of road.