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WESTMINSTER TRAFFIC LIGHTS UPGRADE OPEN TO TRAFFIC

Member for Riverstone Kevin Conolly MP today announced that another essential road upgrade for Sydney’s north-west has been delivered with the $3.9 million Westminster Street and Railway Terrace intersection upgrade at Schofields now open to traffic.

Mr Conolly said the NSW Government is delivering its commitment to boost capacity, efficiency and quality of the road network in the short term to help support the more than 200,000 people who are expected to move to the north-west region by 2045.

“The Westminster Street Bridge is currently the only grade-separated rail crossing of the Richmond rail line north of Quakers Hill and is often a congested route for motorists to cross the Richmond rail line,” Mr Conolly said.

“The intersection upgrade will help to increase traffic flow and improve access with the installation of traffic lights to make it easier and safer for vehicles turning from Bridge Street onto Railway Terrace during peak traffic times.

“As part of this work Railway Terrace has been widened to two lanes in each direction at the Westminster Street and Railway Terrace intersection.

“Pedestrians and cyclists who cross at this location are also benefiting from new pedestrian crossing facilities provided as part of the traffic light installation at the intersection.

As part of a cooperative approach to the needs and growth in the area, a portion of a future shared path link on the western side of the Railway Terrace has been built, which will link with Blacktown City Council’s planned pathway network.

“The existing five tonne weight limit will remain in place on Westminster Street Bridge and motorists can still turn right at Kensington Park Road and St Albans Road as alternative routes.”

Mr Conolly said the work complements other major road projects currently under way in Sydney’s fast growing north-west which will deliver further benefits for the region.

“We’re continuing to build large-scale projects for the area with the $340 million Schofields Road upgrade between Veron and Richmond roads at Schofields now in full swing, and work on the $135 million Richmond Road upgrade at Marsden Park nearing completion, and on track to be completed before the end of the year,” Mr Conolly said.
The Schofields Road upgrade is expected to be completed in mid-2018.

For more information on road upgrades in Sydney’s north-west visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects

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