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WORK STARTS ON OXLEY HIGHWAY EASTBOUND OVERTAKING LANE AT GUNNEDAH

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said work started today on a new eastbound overtaking lane on the Oxley Highway between Gunnedah and Tamworth.

“The NSW Government is spending $60 million to improve safety and reduce travel times on the Oxley Highway based on recommendations in the route safety review and draft corridor strategy,” Mr Anderson said.

“The new 1.3 kilometre overtaking lane will be built around 24 kilometres east of Gunnedah. The NSW Government has listened to local road users who have been calling for more overtaking opportunities along this popular highway for years.

“This is the second project being delivered under the NSW Government’s $50 million program to develop and implement recommendations from the Oxley Highway Corridor Strategy.

“The first project – an extension of the westbound overtaking lane 29 kilometres east of Gunnedah, near Rushes Creek Road – is almost complete.

“Other projects completed include providing new guardrail west of Gunnedah and road widening and intersection improvements at four locations west of Tamworth.

Mr Anderson said several road safety projects will be delivered as part of this four year program, all of which will benefit road users including tourists and heavy vehicle operators who use the road regularly.

“The NSW Government is also spending $10 million to deliver some of the recommendations from the Oxley Highway Route Safety Review.

“The $60 million in total funding is evidence of the NSW Government’s commitment to improve this important road, which stretches 514 kilometres linking Port Macquarie in the east to the inland centres of Tamworth, Gunnedah, Coonabarabran, Gilgandra and Warren.”

Work on the eastbound overtaking lane will be carried out from Monday 6 March and is expected to be completed in about two months, weather permitting.

Work will be carried out on weekdays between 7am and 5pm and Saturday between 7am and 1pm.

To ensure the safety of workers and road users changed traffic conditions including lane closures, traffic control, signs and a reduced speed limit will be in place on the highway.

Motorists may experience delays of up to five minutes outside of peak hours and are advised to allow extra travel time. Roads and Maritime thanks the community for their patience while the work is carried out. For the latest traffic updates call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.