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WORK STARTS ON THE GOLDEN HIGHWAY EAST OF MERRIWA

Michael Johnsen MP, Member for Upper Hunter today announced that Roads and Maritime Services will start upgrade work next week on the Golden Highway about 10 kilometres east of Merriwa to improve safety for motorists..

Mr Johnsen said the Nationals in Government have allocated $109 million with an additional $24 million from the Federal Liberal-Nationals Government for a package of upgrades on the Golden Highway.

“This work is part of a four year package of upgrades being delivered between the Upper Hunter and Dubbo, to improve safety, traffic efficiency, network reliability and freight access,” Mr Johnsen said.

“This work will involve road widening along two 500 metre sections of the highway to provide two metre wide road shoulders.

“The project includes drainage improvements and work to provide five metre wide clear zones on each side of the road, which improves safety for motorists by removing roadside hazards.”

Work is scheduled to start on Monday 20 March and will be carried out during the week between 7am and 6pm and on Saturdays between 8am and 1pm.

The project is expected to be completed by the end of May, weather permitting.

During work hours lane closures and a reduced 40 km/h speed limit will be in place. Outside working hours both lanes will be open, however a reduced 60km/h speed limit will remain in place to ensure the safety of road users.
Roads and Maritime thanks motorists for their patience while this work is carried out.

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