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NEW ROUNDBOY TO RUN CIRCLES AROUND EXISTING INTERSECTION

Faster and safer travel on one of Tamworth’s busiest roads is a step closer with work to soon start on the next stage of the Manilla Road upgrade.

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said the NSW Government has provided $3.5 million in the 2017-18 State Budget to improve the Marius Street intersection.

“The intersection requires a much-needed overhaul and the second stage of the Manilla Road upgrade will involve building a roundabout at this location,” Mr Anderson said.

“More than 14,000 motorists use Manilla Road between Tribe and Jewry streets every day, which is why this upgrade is welcome news for the community.

“I’m pleased to announce the design is complete and major work is set to start later this year, which will involve work in the northbound shoulder between Marius and Jewry streets.

“Construction of the new roundabout will start early in the new year and will be complete by mid 2018, weather permitting.”

Mr Anderson said Tamworth Regional Council will once again carry out the second stage of the upgrade on behalf of Roads and Maritime Services.

“Every effort is being taken to reduce the impact to the community, but it’s important to note access to Manilla Road from Marius Street will be temporarily closed early in 2018, with signposted detours in place.

“The community will be kept informed about these and other impacts both before and during work on stage two, which will complement the improvements completed in March this year.”

The 2017-18 State Budget also includes $150,000 to develop plans to upgrade the Jewry Street intersection.