SMART TECHNOLOGY HITS THE ROAD WITH M4 MOTORWAY IMPROVEMENTS POWERING AHEAD

Safer and more reliable journeys are on the way for the thousands of motorists travelling the M4 motorway with ‘Smart Motorway’ technology now being installed.

Roads, Maritime and Freight Minister Melinda Pavey and Minister for Western Sydney Stuart Ayres today inspected the first stage of work on the $470 million project that aims to improve travel times and provide a smoother journey for motorists.

“This significant progress is fantastic news for the more than 150,000 road users travelling on the M4 Motorway daily,” Mrs Pavey said.

“We are always looking for ways to improve how motorists travel across the network and now world class technology is set to bring faster, safer journeys.

“NSW’s first smart motorway is set to change the travel experience for the better.”

Minister for Western Sydney Stuart Ayres said several key features along the upgraded motorway will provide a more consistent and reliable journey.

“This massive project will involve improvements across a full 35 kilometre length of the M4 Motorway to create a better travelling experience,” Mr Ayres said.

“Stage 1 work under way includes new ramp metering at key entry points and an additional lane in each direction between Roper Road and the M7 Motorway and upgrades to key interchanges at Roper, Wallgrove and Reservoir roads.

“Variable message, lane use and variable speed limit signs will also be installed at key locations to inform motorists of expected travel times, traffic conditions and lane closures in response to incidents.

“Additional traffic sensors and CCTV cameras will also be in place to continually monitor traffic conditions to reduce the crash rate on the M4 Motorway.”

Tenders have been called for the next stages of the project which is expected to be completed by 2020.