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DELIVERING VITAL INFRASTRUCTURE: TENDERS INVITED FOR OLD WALLGROVE ROAD UPGRADE

Roads Minister Duncan Gay today visited Old Wallgrove Road with local MPs Andy Rohan (Smithfield) and Tanya Davies (Mulgoa) to announce the major upgrade of the road is now open to tenders.

Minister Gay, Mr Rohan and Ms Davies said it was an important milestone in getting the project to construction later this year.

“The NSW Government is delivering vital infrastructure around employment areas in Western Sydney as we deliver bigger roads budgets than any other time in our state’s history, of more than $5 billion each financial year,” Minister Gay said.

“Old Wallgrove Road is a key project for motorists travelling to the Western Sydney Employment Area and in this year’s State Budget we outlined our $70 million upgrade plan.

“Today I’m delighted to invite qualified contractors to submit bids to upgrade the 1.5 kilometre length of Old Wallgrove Road, build a new 400 metre section of linking road and widen a one kilometre section of Wallgrove Road at the M7 interchange.

“Old Wallgrove Road will link up with Erskine Park Link Road which the NSW Government started in October 2011 and completed in July 2013, unlocking thousands of hectares of land for new employment within the area,” Minister Gay said.

Mr Rohan said: “The upgrade of Old Wallgrove Road will build on these benefits by redirecting trucks from residential streets to the M7 and M4 motorways, which will ease local congestion and connect communities.

“Upgrade work is then expected to start by about September with the project expected to take two years.

“Work will involve moving utilities, installing new traffic lights, retaining walls and street lighting, improving drainage and landscaping.

“We will continue to keep the community informed as planning work progresses,” Mr Rohan said.

Ms Davies said: “The work we are doing now should have started a decade ago, for a party that claims to be grounded in Western Sydney, Labor had thrown their hands up and didn’t even make a start.
“This is another project that’s building for the future of Western Sydney, boosting productivity and growing our economy.

“Tenders need to be submitted by Friday 4 April with the successful proponent expected to be awarded the tender by the middle of this year,” Ms Davies said.

Tenders are to be lodged in the tender box at Roads and Maritime, Level 9, 101 Miller Street, North Sydney. For future information visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects

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