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WORK BEGINS AT GUANNA HILL ON VITAL HIGHWAY UPGRADE

Minister for Roads Duncan Gay and Member for Orange Andrew Gee yesterday marked the start of work on the $40 million Guanna Hill upgrade on the Mitchell Highway between Orange and Molong.

The project will significantly improve road safety and reduce travel times for 3,000 motorists and freight trucks travelling along this section of highway daily.

Mr Gay said the highway is a vital freight corridor stretching from Bourke to Bathurst, and linking to major routes such as the Great Western and Newell highways.

“The highway is critical for the movement of thousands of head of livestock to one of the nation’s largest saleyards - Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets - from farms located in and around areas such as Trangie, Narromine and Nevertire,” Mr Gay said.

“It is also a key project in delivering an upgraded Sydney to Dubbo corridor, which will better link the movement of goods from the east to supply towns, farms and local businesses in the west.

“The NSW Government is fast tracking this essential upgrade to deliver benefits to regional industries and communities sooner.”

Mr Gee said this section of the Mitchell Highway is the final stretch of road to be upgraded along this route, and is known for its tight curves and limited overtaking opportunities.

“The Guanna Hill upgrade is critical to the community, with a large number of residents commuting to work daily between Molong and Orange,” Mr Gee said.

“The upgrade will deliver a safer, wider, two-lane rural road with a 100 km/h speed limit, and sealed road shoulders.

“The road has a high crash history – making this upgrade one of the most important projects across regional NSW right now.

“It’s fantastic to see this project finally come to fruition – I am proud to be part of a Government that is exceedingly committed to improving regional roads across the state.”

FK Gardner & Sons Pty Ltd has been awarded the major work tender for the Guanna Hill realignment on Mitchell Highway between Orange and Molong.

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