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EASING CONGESTION IN SYDNEY’S WEST

Minister for Roads Duncan Gay today announced work was starting on three key congestion relieving projects across Western Sydney as part of the NSW Government’s $246 million Pinch Point program.

“This month alone we will see about $4 million worth of improvement work start at the intersections of Hume Highway and Miller Road, Bass Hill, Parker and Derby streets, Penrith and at Norwest Boulevard at the intersection of Greenhill Drive and Old Windsor Road in Glenwood,” Mr Gay said.

“These projects add to the more than $80 million in pinch point projects the NSW Government has already delivered across Sydney, which aim to reduce traffic delays, manage congestion and improve travel times on Sydney’s major roads, particularly during peak travel periods.

“With congestion currently costing Sydney around $5.1 billion each year, the NSW Government is committed to maximising the use of existing road space, making smart improvements, and delivering travel time savings for motorists.

“We’re not just building long-term congestion-busting projects such as WestConnex and NorthConnex – we’re also providing immediate relief on busy roads such as Norwest Boulevard and the Hume Highway.”

- Hume Highway and Miller Road, Bass Hill ($2 million)
  Work will involve widening the Hume Highway on the southern side to provide an extra right turn lane into Miller Road and extending the merge lane to cater for the two lanes of turning traffic. Work is expected to be completed by the end of September.

- Intersection of Parker and Derby streets, Penrith ($1 million)
  North and southbound right turn bays on Parker Street into Derby Street extended to increase capacity. Traffic light phasing will also be updated to ensure traffic flows efficiently during peak travel times, with a CCTV camera installed to monitor conditions. Work is expected to be completed in July.

- Norwest Boulevard at the intersections of Greenhill Drive and Old Windsor Road ($820,000)
  Work to improve traffic flow along Norwest Boulevard the eastbound right turn lane into Old Windsor Road and the westbound right turn lane into Greenhill Drive will be extended. Work is expected to be completed by the end of August.

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