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AIRPORT ROAD UPGRADES POWERING AHEAD

The NSW Government’s Airport North project has received approval to proceed allowing Roads and Maritime Services to push ahead with delivery of the project while simultaneously progressing work on the Airport East and West upgrades.

As part of the Airport North project, O’Riordan Street will be widened to three lanes in each direction between Bourke Road and Robey Street.

“Sydney Airport and Port Botany are two of the state’s most important international gateways facilitating the movement of millions people and goods each year,” Minister for Roads Duncan Gay said.

“The NSW Government is throwing everything it has at improving traffic congestion in and around the airport.

“Every approach to the airport has been put under the microscope with work planned or under way.

“While large-scale projects like the widening of Marsh Street progresses, I’ve put in place immediate and common-sense solutions such as the new permanent clearway on Marsh Street and improved traffic light phasing at numerous intersections to reduce motorists’ frustration.

“We live in a city that has been expanding rapidly – the roads to and around one of the busiest airports in the world were sadly ignored for nearly two decades by Labor – this government is playing a very fast game of ‘catch-up’.

“Motorists will start to see significant improvements from next year when our large-scale projects start to open up to traffic in and around the airport.

“The long term solutions we’re working on across the whole precinct will increase traffic capacity and improve access to the Sydney Airport domestic and international terminals.”

Work to build a third westbound lane on Marsh Street is progressing and is on track for completion mid next year.

Early work is well under way on the Airport East upgrade, which includes a new road underpass beneath the rail line which links General Holmes Drive, Botany Road and Wentworth Avenue.

A final business case is being developed for Sydney Gateway, which will link WestConnex to the airport and Port Botany, in consultation with Sydney Airport and the Commonwealth Government.

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