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MAJOR WORK STARTS ON $500 MILLION NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL ROAD UPGRADE

Major work has started on the NSW Government’s Northern Beaches Hospital road upgrade, which will improve travel times and ease congestion around the future health precinct.

“This upgrade is going to be a life-changer for locals and visitors alike – we’re going to have overpasses and underpasses, widened roads and better public transport corridors,” Premier Mike Baird said.

“The Northern Beaches Hospital has been spoken about for decades so it’s great to finally see not only a new world class hospital, but the roads to support it, becoming a reality.

“We’re investing $500 million to ensure residents can safely and reliably access the hospital and boost capacity on our roads here on the northern beaches.

“Thanks to this project, travel times are going to reduce by up to 30 percent in 2018 which means more time at home with the family for locals.”

“It takes years to plan, approve and prepare for major infrastructure projects like this one – but when you see big construction happening, the upcoming benefits seem like more of a reality,” Minister for Roads Duncan Gay said.

“There are about 80,000 motorists travelling in this area daily at the moment with even more expected when the hospital opens – ensuring the surrounding 6.8 kilometre road network was improved was a priority.

“We’ve done a fair amount of preparation work and now we are going to get on with the big stuff.

“In coming months motorists will see major earthwork along Warringah Road and work on the new shared path bridges at Forest Way and Hilmer Street.

“A significant volume of work will be carried in the next two years and I thank motorists and the community for their patience while we get on with the job of delivering this critical project.”