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MAJOR WORK STARTS ON PRINCES HIGHWAY UPGRADE AT VICTORIA CREEK

Andrew Constance Member for Bega has today announced work to upgrade the Princes Highway at Victoria Creek is starting.

“This is an important local project for those who travel along the highway between Narooma Road and Corkhill Drive at Central Tilba,” Mr Constance said.

“Unfortunately there have been two fatal crashes on this section of the Princes Highway in the past eight years.

“The $45 million upgrade awarded to Seymour Whyte Constructions Pty Ltd will remove a number of tight bends and provide an overtaking lane in both directions, making it a much safer road for all motorists.

“The 3.2 kilometre upgrade will also include a new bridge over Victoria Creek, a new U-turn facility and demolition of the old bridge.

“Sunnyside Road will remain connected to the existing highway while the upgrade is carried out with new intersections built to connect the new highway to the existing highway when the improvements are finished.

“Some sections of the old Princes Highway will be re-vegetated once the road is closed to traffic and the new highway is in operation. The remainder of the Old Princes Highway will become a local road for motorists. Mr Constance said.

“During the next couple of weeks, motorists will see the establishment of the worksite compound ahead of major work starting around the middle of the month.

The project is expected to be completed in 2013, weather permitting.