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MAJOR WORK STARTS TO IMPROVE FIGTREE INTERSECTIONS

Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Roads, John Ajaka MLC today announced major work has started to upgrade key intersections on the Princes Highway in Figtree.

“The work will improve traffic flow and public transport through the busy Figtree CBD,” Mr Ajaka said.

“The $15 million project funded by the NSW Government will ultimately provide two continuous lanes in both directions on the Princes Highway in Figtree.

“Road safety will be improved by separating turning traffic from through traffic on the highway.

“The intersection of Bellevue Road on the Princes Highway will be upgraded with a right turn lane from the highway into Bellevue Road.

“Motorists turning left out of The Avenue will be able to turn onto the highway more easily with a left turn lane and merge lane being built to head south.

“Motorists turning right into The Avenue will be separated from through traffic on the highway with a dedicated right turn bay.

“Turning right into Figtree Oval will also become much safer with a right turn bay on the highway.

“The highway between Figtree Oval and the Avenue will be widened to the east to allow for the extra turning bays.

“Since January this year, work to relocate utilities has been carried out and has formed a large part of the overall work.

“Work will begin to build the left turn lane at The Avenue and is scheduled to be completed before Christmas.

“The rest of the work to the north of The Avenue will not start until after the January holidays to reduce traffic delays.

“It is expected all work will be completed in late 2012,” Mr Ajaka said.