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FEEDBACK SOUGHT ON PROPOSED CLOSURE OF CAMERON PARK ROUNDABOUT

Work is progressing well on the project to upgrade six key intersections between the F3 Freeway and Newcastle, with Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) starting consultation on a proposal to upgrade the Cameron Park roundabout.

The Nationals Duty MLC for Cessnock Trevor Khan said $10 million has been provided to start work on the intersection upgrades this financial year.

“The Hunter Expressway is scheduled to open to traffic in 2013 and traffic along the main route between the F3 Freeway and Newcastle is expected to increase,” Trevor Khan said.

“Six intersections along the route will be upgraded and work has already started on three of the upgrades.

“The upgrade at the Newcastle Link Road, Cameron Park Drive and Woodford Street intersection includes removing the roundabout and replacing it with traffic lights. The lights would be switched on before the opening of the Hunter Expressway.

“RMS has started consulting the community about the Cameron Park Drive upgrade and two options have been proposed to carry out the upgrade.

“The first option is to close the intersection to all traffic on weeknights to allow the work to be carried out, estimated to take about five months to complete.

“The second option would require the intersection to be closed for two weekends to all traffic from late Friday night until early Monday morning, outside peak hours. This would involve closing the southbound entry and exit ramps to the F3 Freeway as well as Cameron Park Drive, Newcastle Link Road and Woodford Street near the roundabout.

“The closures would have no effect to through traffic on the F3 Freeway and the Cardiff exit and entry ramps will still be in operation.

“This intersection upgrade will be carried out by the Hunter Expressway Alliance, which is building the nearby 13 kilometre eastern section of the Hunter Expressway.

“RMS is carrying out community consultation to determine the best option to allow the work to be carried out.

“Information has been sent to residents living near the intersection, people on the Hunter Expressway community database and key stakeholders. This information is also available to view on the RMS website.

“Feedback from the community should be submitted by post, email or phone until Friday 2 March,” Trevor Khan said.
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