SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS START ON MITCHELL HIGHWAY NEAR BATHURST

Work on safety improvements along the Mitchell Highway at Rocks Hill west of Bathurst will start next week.

Mr Toole said the work is being carried out to reduce the number of crashes in the area.

“Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is providing $2.4 million for this important safety work under the Road Toll Response Package and the State Blackspot Program,” Mr Toole said.

“The work will be carried out on a 1.5 kilometre section of the Mitchell Highway and includes widening the road on three bends.

“Wire rope barriers will be installed on those bends to prevent head-on crashes.

“In the five years to 2009, there were two fatal crashes, two injury crashes and four tow-away crashes in the area.

“This included three head-on crashes and two others where vehicles crossed to the wrong side of the road.

“This work will improve safety by reducing the risk of a head on crash and allows motorists to negotiate the bends with improved safety,” Mr Toole said.

This work will take about eight weeks to complete, weather permitting.

Work hours will be from 7am to 6pm weekdays and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays.

RMS is also providing a further $205,000 under the State Blackspot Program to widen Burnt Yards Road west of Blayney where line marking and signs will be improved.