TOOLE DELIVERS ON $3.4M SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS FOR FITZGERALDS MOUNT

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) has started work to improve safety on the Mid Western Highway at Fitzgeralds Mount. Member for Bathurst Paul Toole said the NSW Government has provided $3.4 million for the work, about 20 kilometres west of Bathurst.

“The work involves widening 2.5 kilometres of the Mid Western Highway to provide two 3.5 metre lanes westbound and one lane of the same width eastbound. In addition a painted centre median will be installed, a skid resistant surface will be provided and the existing drainage system will be improved.”

“The shoulders will also be widened by one metre at this location which will provide room for motorists to safely pull off the highway. This project will improve road safety for all motorists using this road, including heavy vehicles. Work will be carried out weekdays from 7am to 6pm and Saturdays between 8am and 1pm, weather permitting.

“There will be a reduced speed limit of 40km/h through the worksite and traffic control will be in place. One westbound lane will be closed and the highway will operate with one lane travelling in each direction for the duration of the project. Motorists are advised to expect some delays and to obey all signs while travelling through the work site.

“Work is expected to be completed by the end of the year, weather permitting,” Mr Toole said. All Motorists need to be roadwork aware, slow down and take care – roadwork speed limits are enforceable.

"Last weekend I took the opportunity to undertake a 'hands on' experience with Burkes Transport to Albury and traversed this section of the Mid Western Highway. Needless to say I am delighted that the voice and concerns of Motorists have been taken on board and these significant roadworks are now underway."