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INITIAL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS FOR MAITLAND ROUNDBOUTS

Member for Maitland, Robyn Parker, today announced that Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is continuing work on initial safety improvements at two roundabouts on the New England Highway at Maitland.

Ms Parker said the NSW Government has provided $45 million for safety and traffic flow upgrades through the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund to upgrade the roundabouts.

“RMS has recently resurfaced the westbound exit of the railway roundabout,” Ms Parker said.

“Work will start this week to remove vegetation on the hospital roundabout. Some of the vegetation will be retained to minimise the environmental impact of the work.

“Work will be carried out Sunday to Thursday between 7pm and 3am the next morning, weather permitting.

“During these times lane closures may be required and traffic control will be in place.

“Motorists may experience minor delays during this work and a 40km/h speed limit will be enforced.

“RMS thanks motorists for their patience while this important work is being carried out.

“Further improvements will be carried out including the installation of roadside safety barriers and improved safety signs. This work is expected to be completed by June.

“RMS thanks community members for submitting their feedback about options for the larger scale upgrades to improve safety and traffic flow at the two roundabouts.

“RMS will consider feedback when determining the preferred options, which is expected by mid 2012,” Ms Parker said.

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