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Improvements start on the New England Highway at Hexham

Port Stephens MP Craig Baumann has welcomed the start of work on the improvements to the New England Highway at Hexham.

Mr Baumann said Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is providing $700,000 to improve traffic flow at this busy location.

“The project involves extending the northbound left turn lane by 150 metres for motorists turning off the New England Highway and onto the Hexham Bridge,” he said.

“This will improve traffic flow for motorists travelling southbound from Maitland during the busy morning peak as well as those wishing to turn left off the highway.

“Motorists wishing to turn left off the highway to access the Pacific Highway are often caught in traffic queuing to continue along the New England Highway towards Newcastle.

“The extension will provide these motorists with an opportunity to access the left turn slip lane earlier and help prevent queues from building.

“Work will be carried out on weekdays between 7am and 5pm, on weekends between 7am and 1pm and night work when needed between 7pm and 4.30am,” Mr Baumann said.

“The work is expected to be completed in July, weather permitting,” he said.

A 40km/h speed limit will be enforced during work hours and motorists may experience minor delays.

The speed limit will be reduced to 60km/h outside of working hours.

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