MEDIA RELEASE

Tuesday, 22 May 2012

FIGTREE INTERSECTION UPGRADES PROGRESSING WELL

A key intersection at Figtree has been upgraded with the completion of a left turn lane onto the Princes Highway from The Avenue.

Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Roads, John Ajaka MLC said Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) carried out the work as part of a $15 million intersection improvements project.

"Motorists turning left from The Avenue onto the highway heading south will find it safer to merge with the installation of the longer merge lane" Mr Ajaka said.

"A temporary pedestrian crossing has been installed at the intersection and pedestrian lights will be activated later in the year.

"Work on the Princes Highway to the north of The Avenue is continuing.

"The work involves finalising electrical and water main relocations, new shared paths, and kerb and gutter.

"Work to widen the Princes Highway north of The Avenue will start next month to allow right turn lanes to be built at Bellevue Road and Figtree Oval.

"The right turn lanes will improve road safety by separating turning traffic from through traffic, reducing the possibility of rear end crashes and improving traffic flow.

"When completed, the $15 million project funded by the NSW Government will provide two continuous lanes in both directions on the Princes Highway in Figtree, improving traffic flow and public transport reliability through the busy CBD.

"All work is expected to be completed in late 2012," Mr Ajaka said.

MEDIA: Warren Hudson 0402 087 919