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Safety improvements at Bayway Village start

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) will this week start safety improvements on Nelson Bay Road near Bayway Village, Fern Bay.

Port Stephens MP Craig Baumann said the NSW Government has provided $250,000 this financial year for RMS to improve safety at this location.

"In the five years to June 2011 there were three crashes on Nelson Bay Road within 200 metres of the Bayway Village entrance," said Mr Baumann.

"Unfortunately all three of these crashes resulted in injuries and two involved pedestrians," he said.

"In response, RMS will install a u-turn bay south of Bayway Village so northbound buses can enter the village to pick up or set down passengers and exit by turning left before returning on their northbound journey.

"This will make things easier and safer for bus drivers who would otherwise have to cross both southbound and northbound lanes to turn right onto Nelson Bay Road, often with very heavy traffic.

"More than 800 people live at Bayway Village and residents need to cross Nelson Bay Road to get to the northbound bus stops.

"The new arrangement will mean the bus stop on the western side of Nelson Bay will be removed so residents will no longer need to cross Nelson Bay Road to catch the bus.

"Residents will also be able to use the u-turn bay to travel north on Nelson Bay Road.

"Work will be carried out weekdays from 7am to 5pm and some Saturdays between 7am and 2pm, weather permitting.

"During these times lane closures may be needed and traffic control will be in place.

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

"Work is expected to be completed in July, weather permitting."

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