New traffic lights operating at Jesmond roundabout

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) will today complete work on the second of six intersection upgrades along the main route between the F3 Freeway and Newcastle.

Mr Owen said the NSW Government provided $16 million to continue work on intersection upgrades this financial year.

“RMS has completed the upgrade of the Jesmond roundabout,” Mr Owen said.

“The upgrade included installing traffic lights for vehicles travelling eastbound to Newcastle.

“Another set of traffic lights will control the flow of vehicles travelling north towards Maitland and Taree.

“These traffic lights operate 24 hours a day and motorists are reminded to stop behind the unbroken line when the light is red and not queue across the intersection.

“The traffic lights will be switched on this morning and will improve the flow of eastbound traffic using the roundabout.

“An additional lane has been provided for motorists entering the roundabout from Newcastle and either travelling northbound or returning east. A new second lane has been installed for those motorists exiting north through the new traffic lights.

“Motorists are asked to drive carefully and pay extra attention to changed traffic conditions. All signs and lane arrows must be obeyed.

“Traffic along this route is expected to increase when the Hunter Expressway opens to traffic in late 2013 and these intersection upgrades along the 13 kilometre route will improve traffic flow and road safety.

“Upgrades at the remaining four key intersections are expected to be completed by mid 2013, weather permitting,” Mr Owen said.

RMS thanks motorists for their patience while this important work was carried out.

More information about the F3 Freeway to Newcastle project is available at www.rms.nsw.gov.au

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