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SHARED PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OPENS OVER EPPING ROAD AT MARSFIELD

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Greg Smith SC MP, Member for Epping, today announced Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) has completed the pedestrian bridge over Epping Road, west of Vimiera Road at Marsfield.

Greg Smith said the $5 million arch design bridge is part of the RMS Pedestrian Bridges program and aims to provide safer access across Epping Road for Epping Boys High School students and local residents.

“At 3.6 metres wide and 41 metres long with ramps and stairs built on each side, the bridge provides a wide shared thoroughfare for pedestrians, cyclists and persons with mobility aids and prams,” Greg Smith said.

“Motorists will also benefit from a more steady flow of traffic through this section of Epping Road with reduced red light stopping time.

“Lighting has been installed on the bridge, ramps and stairs to protect the safety of users crossing at night and minimise antisocial activity.

“Ramps from the bridge at the intersection of Epping Road and Vimera Road connect to the existing Vimiera Road cycleway and the future Epping Road cycleway.

“The environment surrounding the bridge will also be landscaped with trees and shrubs,” Greg Smith said.

RMS thanks motorists and local residents for their patience during the project.