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PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS FOR ASHFIELD SHOPPING PRECINCT

The Member for Strathfield, Charles Casuscelli RFD MP, has announced Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) will proceed with pedestrian safety improvements along Liverpool Road through Ashfield shopping precinct after positive community feedback to the proposed safety measures.

“In the five years to 2010, there were 17 crashes involving pedestrians along the Ashfield shopping precinct, eleven involving pedestrians crossing away from traffic lights,” Mr Casuscelli said.

“RMS and Ashfield Council worked together to develop possible solutions to improve pedestrian safety by redirecting pedestrians to the crossings with lights provided along this length of Liverpool Road.”

RMS will start the following work in January 2013:

- Installing a central concrete median and pedestrian fence on Liverpool Road from Miller Avenue to Murrell Street
- Installing short kerbside pedestrian fences on Liverpool Road at the intersections of Knox Street and Brown Street/Holden Street
- Installing lengths of pedestrian fence on the northern kerbside of Liverpool Road from Murrell Street to Elizabeth Avenue, at the intersection with traffic lights at the entry to Wests Ashfield Leagues Club
- Upgrading and installing two additional pedestrian crossings across Liverpool Road on the western sides of Knox Street and Queen Street intersections.

“The work will be supported by a pedestrian education campaign.

“Preliminary work for the installation of the pedestrian fence on the northern kerbside of Liverpool Road between Murrell Street and Elizabeth Avenue may start in mid December.

“RMS thanks the community for their feedback to this important road safety project.

“The community issues report is available on the RMS project web page at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects,” Mr Casuscelli concluded

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