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WORK STARTS ON PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT ASHFIELD

The Member for Strathfield, Charles Casuscelli RFD MP has announced Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) will start work on pedestrian safety improvements along Liverpool Road through Ashfield’s shopping precinct following positive community feedback to the plan.

“In the five year period from 2006 to 2010, there were 17 crashes involving pedestrians along Liverpool Road through Ashfield’s shopping precinct, with almost two thirds involving pedestrians crossing away from the existing crossings at traffic lights,” Mr Casuscelli said.

“RMS will start night work to install pedestrian fencing on the northern kerbside of Liverpool Road between Murrell Street and Elizabeth Avenue from Wednesday 12 December through to Friday 21 December between 8pm and 5am, weather permitting.

“After the holiday break RMS will restart work to install the central median and pedestrian fencing between Miller Avenue and Murrell Street and two crossings with pedestrian lights at the Knox and Queen street intersections from Monday 7 January.

“Night work from January 7 will be carried out from 8pm to 5am for about six weeks, weather permitting.

“Motorists are advised some kerbside parking will not be available on Liverpool Road between Miller Avenue and Elizabeth Avenue during the work.

“Electronic signs and traffic controllers will be on site to direct motorists.

“Every effort will be made to minimise the impact of noise on businesses and residents.

“Motorists are advised to drive with caution, obey all signs, including reduced speed limits and allow extra travel time.

“For traffic information, contact the Transport Management Centre on 132 701 or visit www.livetraffic.com,” Mr Casuscelli said.

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