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PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS START ON GRIFFITHS ROAD

The RTA has begun work on pedestrian safety improvements at the intersection of Griffiths and Turton roads, Lambton.

Member for Newcastle Tim Owen said the NSW Government provided $170,000 to upgrade safety and access for pedestrians at this location.

“The project involves realigning the westbound left turn slip lane from Griffiths Road into Turton Road and providing a pedestrian crossing,” Mr Owen said.

“This work will allow pedestrians to cross more safely at the south-eastern corner of this busy intersection.

“There are large numbers of pedestrians and vehicles at this location, especially during events at the nearby Ausgrid Stadium.

“The realignment will reduce the speed motorists can use the slip lane, which will allow for a marked pedestrian crossing to be provided.

“The work will be carried out at night from Sunday to Thursday between 8pm and 4am the following morning to minimise potential impact on motorists. During this time, the left turn slip lane will be closed to traffic.

“Work is expected to be completed by July 2011, weather permitting,” Mr Owen said.

The RTA thanks motorists for their patience during this important work. Motorists should obey all signs at the site, including reduced speed limit signs.

Be roadwork aware, slow down and take care – roadwork speed limits are enforceable.