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Better roads on the way for Wagga Wagga

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A multi-million dollar three-part program of safety and road upgrades to deliver better roads around Wagga Wagga is ramping up, following completion of improvements at Kapooka Road at San Isidore and the commencement of new work on improvements to two key sections of road.

The NSW Government has delivered a new dedicated left-hand turn lane, extended merge lane and lighting at the Kapooka Road and Sturt Highway intersection at San Isidore which was completed on Thursday after work started in November 2023.

The Government has announced work to rebuild a 180-metre section of road on the Sturt Highway at Edward Street, alongside Bolton Park. The project will benefit more than 20,000 motorists each day.

And another set of safety improvements will be carried out to the intersection of Cummins Drive and the Sturt Highway at San Isidore.

These improvements will include widening the road 150 metres either side of the intersection and flattening the slopes by the roadside to reduce the risk of serious crashes.

Impacts

Single lane closures will be in place each way on a 400-metre section of the Sturt Highway between Lake Albert Road and Fitzhardinge Street for the duration of the project.

Access to businesses during the work through Wagga Wagga will be maintained, with motorists advised to follow the directions of traffic control and signs.

Heavy vehicles can use the alternative route via Eunony Bridge Road, Byrnes Road, Merino Road and the Olympic Highway.

Motorists are advised to drive to the conditions, allow an extra five minutes of travel time and follow the directions of signs and traffic control.

To minimise impacts to the community, the majority of work will be carried out at night and will run from 22 February to 10 March, weather permitting.

Work on the safety upgrade at Cummins Drive intersection is due to start on Thursday, 15 February and will include single lane closures and reduced speed limit.

Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Jenny Aitchison said:

“The NSW Labor Government is proud to be investing another \$4.1 million into safety and road upgrades in Wagga Wagga.

“Road safety in regional areas is a high priority for the government.”

Member for Wagga Wagga Dr Joe McGirr said:

“The work at San Isidore was driven by the community who clearly wanted safer, more efficient roads in the neighbourhood and I thank the government for acting on our advocacy by delivering these important improvements.

“The improvements on Edward Street will also be welcomed, especially at a time when the road toll is alarmingly high, but it’s essential that business operators are fully supported to minimise disruption.

“It makes sense to carry out most of the works at night to reduce the impact on businesses and road users, and I urge customers to continue to support those businesses while a safer, smoother road surface is built.”

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