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Work restarts on road upgrades at Medlow Bath and Coxs River Road along the Great Western Highway

Work will restart today on two road upgrades along the Great Western Highway at Medlow Bath and Coxs River Road, with the addition of a number of design improvements identified in consultation with local communities.

Transport for NSW Regional Director West Alistair Lunn said this followed a pause on the road work, which took effect at the end of April.

“Our Blue Mountains and Hartley Valley communities are a unique part of the state,” Mr Lunn said.

“The NSW Labor Government wanted to ensure they had been briefed on these two projects and understand how the views of the local community had been considered.

“The new Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Jenny Aitchison visited Medlow Bath and Coxs River Road with the Member for Blue Mountains Trish Doyle MP a fortnight ago to meet with key community groups and hear their thoughts about plans to improve safety and expand capacity through this section of the highway.

“Thanks to that consultation we are now able to confirm that the proposed U-turn bay on Bellevue Crescent in Medlow Bath will be refined to just a laneway that will provide safer access for residents with properties that front onto the highway.

“Transport for NSW will also increase lane widths through the town from 3.35 metres to 3.5 metres. Community feedback has also prompted us to modify access to the pedestrian bridge, which has been redesigned in consultation with the local community.”

From the same discussions with the community in Hartley Valley, Transport for NSW will now further refine the Baaners Lane intersection to increase safety and provide variable speed signs to slow traffic in foggy weather.

“We have also determined that the Coxs River Road upgrade will now open at 80 km/h, in line with the current speed limit,” Mr Lunn said.

“All work on both upgrades will now proceed, after some activities were temporarily paused to allow for government and community to consider the projects.”

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Once work is complete, there will be four traffic lanes through Medlow Bath separated by a median, with dedicated turning lanes, new traffic lights and left turning bay at the intersection with Bellevue Crescent, and a new pedestrian bridge for improved access from the train station across the highway and to Railway Parade.

Work on the Coxs River Road upgrade at the at the western foot of the Blue Mountains, will introduce a road bridge to safely carry motorists on Cox Rivers Road over the highway at Little Hartley.

As well as the bridge, this upgrade will see 2.4 kilometres of existing highway upgraded to create a four-lane divided carriageway, to provide a safer, more efficient trip through the area, with separate and safer low speed roads for local traffic and safer access to local businesses like the Lolly Bug.