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Project planning underway for the intersection upgrade of Newcastle Link Road and Minmi Road

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The NSW Government is carrying out early investigations into the upgrade of the intersection of Newcastle Link Road and Minmi Road at Cameron Park to improve future traffic flow, journey reliability and safety.

The A15 Newcastle Link Road connects Newcastle and its suburbs to the M1 Pacific Motorway and the M15 Hunter Expressway, linking Newcastle to the Central Coast, Sydney, Hunter Valley and New England regions.

Over the coming months there will be workers on site carrying out field investigations, which will identify utilities, property, geotechnical and environmental constraints and provide vital detail to help inform the project.

Transport for NSW is developing options for the intersection upgrade before seeking feedback from the community and stakeholders.

Aspects such as safety, traffic flow, increased capacity, intersection improvements, public and active transport, property impacts and the environment are all being considered as part of the project.

Timing for construction is not confirmed and would be dependent on planning approval and future funding availability.

Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Jenny Aitchison said:

“The NSW Government is committed to exploring upgrade options for the intersection of Newcastle Link Road and Minmi Road at Cameron Park.

“Newcastle Link Road is a major arterial route providing a vital link to the residential, commercial and recreational areas of Newcastle.

“About 60,000 motorists travel through this intersection each day and this upgrade would improve safety and traffic flow with more reliable travel times.”

Minister for Hunter Yasmin Catley said:

“We know the Hunter’s population is increasing, so we need to prepare to build more infrastructure to keep up with demand.

“Proper preparation conducted by Transport for NSW means we do it once, and it get it right the first time.

“It also means we’ll be shovel ready for when the intersection is approved so the Hunter residents get the infrastructure they need and deserve as soon as possible.”

Member for Cessnock Clayton Barr said:

“With the continued development of Cameron Park and surrounding areas it is timely to see the Government being proactive and exploring options to improve current and future traffic flow.

“These investigations provide the first steps and are a positive sign towards improvements on this busy intersection.”

Member for Wallsend Sonia Hornery said:

“With the growth we are seeing in the Minmi, Fletcher and Wallsend areas, it’s so important to see planning for infrastructure upgrades on one of our region’s most important roads.

“I look forward to seeing the outcomes of these investigations and how we can best deliver road upgrades.”