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Community win with Nelson Bay Road major upgrade at Salt Ash complete ahead of schedule

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Motorists are enjoying safer and smoother journeys on Nelson Bay Road at Salt Ash with major upgrade work completed five months ahead of schedule.

Minister for Families and Communities and Port Stephens MP Kate Washington said the NSW government has delivered on the duplication of this section of the road, stretching from Salt Ash to Bobs Farm.

“This upgrade will improve safety, travel times and traffic flow for the 25,000 motorists who use this section of Nelson Bay Road each day,” Ms Washington said.

“This is a huge win for road users and the local community, especially with major work on the project wrapping up ahead of the estimated late 2023 completion date.”

Ms Washington said road users will notice some finishing work being completed over the coming weeks – including landscaping, minor drainage works and demobilising the site compound.

“We thank the community for its patience while the project was being carried out, and the contractors who have put in a lot of hard work to deliver this project ahead of schedule,” Ms Washington said.

“The one-kilometre dual carriageway upgrade includes 3.5-metre travel lanes, 2.5-metre shoulders, a concrete median separation barrier, two connected retaining walls, utility relocations and fauna exclusion fencing to ensure wildlife is protected.”

Transport for NSW is continuing to plan for the Nelson Bay Road Williamstown to Bobs Farm project, with work underway on the development of the concept design and environmental assessment for the upgrade.