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MITCHELL HIGHWAY UPGRADES TO DELIVER SAFER TRIPS BETWEEN ORANGE AND WELLINGTON

Stephen Lawrence MLC has today announced that five upgrades planned for the Mitchell Highway between Orange and Wellington will deliver smoother, safer journeys for all road users travelling on this key route in the state's central west.

The Minns Labor Government is investing \$20 million worth of safety upgrades between Orange and Wellington through the Towards Zero Safer Roads Program, a road safety infrastructure and speed management treatment program that aims to deliver sustainable and long-term reductions in road trauma through upgrades to the existing road network.

Labor's spokesperson for Dubbo and Orange Stephen Lawrence MLC said the Mitchell Highway between Orange and Wellington carried thousands of locals, tourists and freight operators every day and these upgrades would help ensure they all made it to their destinations safely.

The first project will start at Apsley on Monday 21 October, delivering around 270 metres of work including the extension of an existing culvert, widening of the road shoulder and installation of safety barriers.

"Along with the work at Apsley, the Mitchell Highway upgrades will include safety treatments just north of Molong and at Larras Lee in the Cabonne Shire and projects at Cundumbul and Neurea in the Dubbo Regional Council local government area," Mr Lawrence said.

"All five projects have been identified as vital work to boost the efficiency and safety of the Mitchell Highway to the north of Orange.

"Safety is the number one priority on all the state's roads and highways and funding through the Towards Zero Safer Roads Program reflects the Minns Labor Government's goal of achieving zero road deaths on the NSW road network."

From Monday 21 October, crews at Apsley will be working between 7am and 5pm on weekdays and work is expected to take three weeks to complete, weather permitting.

There will be temporary traffic changes in the work zone including single lane closures, intermittent stop/go and a reduced speed limit of 40 km/h during work hours and a reduced speed of 80km/h outside of work hours to ensure the safety of workers and motorists.

Motorists are asked to keep to the reduced speed limits, follow the direction of traffic controllers and signage, and allow up to five minutes extra travel time during the work.

The second project at Cundumbul is expected to start in early 2025, followed by the remaining larger projects later in the year and into 2026.

More information on the Towards Zero Safer Roads Program is available on the [Transport for NSW website](#).

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