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BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE: PINCH POINT PROGRAM EXTENDED TO HELP EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION

Eleven sites across Sydney will benefit from a \$17.5 million extension to the successful 'pinch point program' which aims to improve traffic flow at key congestion points on major arterial road corridors, NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell and Minister for Roads and Port Duncan Gay said today.

"This program is all about making life easier for motorists – whether it's intersection upgrades along the Hume Highway or a new lane for the F3 and Pacific Highway off-ramp," Mr O'Farrell said.

"The NSW Government is committed to addressing traffic congestion and these relatively minor upgrades all save motorists a few precious minutes," he said.

"Whether it means that extra five minutes in bed or faster delivery times for businesses, it all helps reduce motorist frustration.

"That why the NSW Government also committed \$30 million in the State Budget towards building one of Sydney's missing motorway links.

"In keeping with our election commitment, the NSW Government is planning for a future Sydney motorway network, in anticipation of the State Infrastructure Strategy being released by Infrastructure NSW in September," he said.

Mr Gay said the program has proven a success and the State Budget provided additional resources to continue the program.

"The program targets peak hour traffic 'hotspots' in key corridors in Sydney. It develops measures to maintain and improve travel speeds and to provide better information for motorists," Mr Gay said.

"The NSW Government wants traffic to move as efficiently as possible and reduce motorist frustration," he said.

"Managing congestion on our roads saves people valuable time and delivers significant benefits to business and industry.

There are another eight minor infrastructure projects under construction to improve traffic efficiency and three electronic message signs.

“The program has delivered an increase in capacity at problem locations, resulting in reduced delays and more reliable and consistent travel times during the critical commuter peaks,” Mr Gay said.

Other outcomes of the pinch point program include improved road safety, pedestrian facilities and enhancements for public transport.

Projects to be funded this financial year include:

- **Concord Road/Parramatta Road intersection:** Extension of the right turn bay on Concord Road to improve the operational efficiency of the intersection.
- **F3 off-ramp on to the Pacific Highway** widening of the southbound ramp to provide three left turning lanes. This project aims to reduce the queue back to the F3, which can be a safety and efficiency issue, particularly during the AM peak period.
- **Cumberland Highway/Hume Highway intersection:** Local widening to increase the capacity of the intersection and improve operational efficiency.
- **Hume Highway/Campbelltown Road intersection:** Extension of right turn bays to benefit through traffic on the Hume Highway.
- **Hume Highway/Hoxton Park Road intersection:** Extension of right turn bay to benefit through traffic on the Hume Highway.
- **Hume Highway/Liverpool Street Intersection:** Provision of a new right turn bay to benefit through traffic on the Hume Highway improving traffic efficiency and road safety.
- **Widening of Powers Road at the intersection with Old Windsor Road,** to improve the operational performance of the intersection.
- **Hume Highway/Horsley Drive intersection:** Upgrade of left turn facility from Hume Highway to Horsley Drive to improve operational efficiency, in particular for heavy vehicles.
- **Parramatta Road/Frederick Street intersection:** Extension of right turn bays to benefit through traffic on Parramatta Road.
- **Cumberland Highway between Great Western Highway and M4 Motorway:** Localised road widening to improve the overall operational efficiency of the interchange.
- **Widening Boundary Street, between the Pacific Highway and Archer Street:** Start of preliminary planning and design work.
- Development of future pinch point projects, including investigations along Pennant Hills Road, James Ruse Drive, Canterbury Road, Henry Lawson Drive, Woodville Road and Taren Point Road.

The pinch point program is part of the NSW Government’s \$5 billion roads budget.

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