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SHOWGROUND ROAD UPGRADES TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW

Minister for Roads Duncan Gay and Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams today announced the NSW Government is delivering the \$41 million Showground Road upgrade to improve traffic flow in Castle Hill, one of north-west Sydney's major retail, residential and commercial hubs.

As part of the upgrade, the 2016-17 NSW State Budget has \$28 million allocated to continue work on this critical corridor.

Mr Williams said Showground Road is an important east west corridor in Castle Hill, linking Old Northern Road to Windsor Road.

"The project involves widening Showground Road to four lanes between Old Northern Road and Carrington Road with additional turning lanes at key intersections" Mr Williams said.

"New traffic lights will be installed at the intersections of Rowallan Avenue and Cheriton Avenue and a number of safety improvements will be made.

"Other work will include building a new road median, drainage infrastructure and pathways.

"Upgrading Showground Road will ease congestion around the popular Castle Towers shopping precinct and improve access to the future Sydney Metro Northwest train stations on Old Northern Road and Showground Road.

"Importantly, the upgrade will also cater for future traffic volumes as the population grows."

Mr Gay said a competitive tender process was launched in October last year and four businesses expressed an interest in delivering the 1.2 kilometre project.

"In April we announced Seymour Whyte Constructions has been selected as the successful tenderer to deliver the project," Mr Gay said.

Early work started in April and major work at the end of last month.

It is expected the project will be completed by mid-2018, weather permitting.

This critical upgrade complements other major western Sydney infrastructure projects such as the Sydney Metro Northwest and NorthConnex.

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