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MAJOR ROADS MAKEOVER IN PARRAMATTA

Navigating Parramatta will become easier following road upgrades completed as part of the Parramatta Light Rail program of works.

Minister for Transport Andrew Constance said the widening and resurfacing of Hawkesbury Road, in association with the Westmead Redevelopment, marks the completion of Parramatta Light Rail preparation works in the Westmead Health Precinct.

“In response to the recent lockdown measures, the Parramatta Light Rail team has worked extended hours to complete these works as quickly as possible,” Mr Constance said.

“We have used this time to get ahead and deliver new footpaths for the community, as well as ensuring the provision of vital access for the Westmead Redevelopment’s new Central Acute Services Building.”

Major works can now begin for the light rail at Westmead, which will transport thousands of workers and students around one of Australia’s largest health, education, research and training hubs.

‘Enabling’ road works as part of the Parramatta Light Rail have also been completed under extended working hours during the COVID-19 lockdown period.

O’Connell Street between Barney and Albert Streets in North Parramatta has been widened to four lanes. This follows the recent transformation of George Street in the heart of Parramatta CBD to a two-way road.

“These changes mean traffic can now move in and around Parramatta more efficiently while we get on with building the light rail,” Mr Constance said.

“While not directly on the light rail route, these road network upgrades will now provide additional capacity for commuters in and around the CBD, and help to minimise disruption for the people of Parramatta during construction.”

Enabling works encompass the relocation of underground utilities, intersection upgrades, new traffic lights, landscaping and changes to street lanes and parking.

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