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Hills M2 Westbound Bus Lane Construction Accelerated

Negotiations between Roads and Maritime Services (RMS), Transport for NSW, bus operators and Hills M2 Upgrade have determined a new construction program to have the westbound bus lane on the motorway opened ahead of schedule.

“We are focused on ensuring the benefits of the Hills M2 Upgrade can be delivered to motorway users as construction allows,” said a project spokesman.

The dedicated westbound bus lane on the Hills M2 will be returned to buses four months ahead of schedule in late 2012, weather permitting, thanks to the fast tracking of upgrade construction work at Murray Farm Road Bridge.

“The first of the benefits of the upgrade will be seen from early 2012 with completion of the Windsor Road west facing ramps and conversion to cashless tolling. The new Macquarie Park ramps will be completed in the second half of the year and the third lane in early 2013.

“The agreement requires a short-term realignment of the eastbound bus lane, moving the point it merges with general traffic from Kent St Footbridge closer to Pennant Hills Road. The first temporary changes to the bus lane configuration will occur tonight.

“These temporary changes will result in peak hour citybound bus journeys on the motorway increasing in time by around one minute.

“The changes to the bus lane will be implemented incrementally to ensure the impact of the changes on bus services is minimised.

“This temporary reconfiguration will allow construction work to lengthen Murray Farm Road Bridge and widen the motorway underneath to be fast tracked, while maintaining traffic on the overbridge.”

Changes to bus lane configuration were identified during ongoing community and industry consultation facilitated by the project team, and involving bus operators, Transport for NSW, RMS, emergency services and other community stakeholders.

“This is good news for bus patrons. The early delivery of sections of the westbound bus lane will benefit commuters and shows the project team are working to minimise the impacts of construction on bus services,” said HillsBus CEO Jim Glasson.

Further information

For more information on the Hills M2 Upgrade, visit www.hillsm2upgrade.com.au or contact 1800 196 266 or via enquiries@hillsm2upgrade.com.au.

For up to date traffic information contact the Transport Management Centre at livetraffic.com or 132 701.

For up to date information on bus services contact 131 500 or your bus service provider Hillsbus (02) 9890 0000 or Busways - (02) 9625 8900.

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