

## Media Release

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### Ramping up, Christie Road and Herring Road Ramps reach milestone

Two major milestones in the construction of the new east-facing Christie and Herring Road Macquarie Park ramps at Macquarie Park have recently been completed, with major work last Friday.

The construction of the new on and off-ramp are a complex component of the upgrade involving the lengthening and widening of the Christie Road Bridge, the construction of a substantial new section of road over Shrimpton Creek and the construction of the new ramps.

“Last Friday, fourteen 22.8t arch segments were installed using two giant 350 tonne cranes to extend the existing Shrimpton’s Creek Culvert by 12.7 metres.

“This extension to the culvert will allow the construction of the Herring Road off-ramp overhead and follows 11 months of preparatory work.

“A crew of 30 people installed the units on the day including crane drivers, dogmen, traffic controllers, truck drivers, carpenters, surveyors and engineers.

“Next, the segments will be stitched together with a concrete beam poured over the top. Back filling and retaining wall construction either side of the culvert will then commence.”

The nearby Christie Road Bridge traversing the Hills M2 also reached a major milestone with the completion of the installation of girders to support the widened bridge deck for traffic entering the motorway citybound from the new Christie Road on-ramp.

“Six concrete beams, each 26 metres in length and weighing 40 tonne, were installed across two spans of Christie Road Bridge, using a 250 tonne crane,” a project spokesman said.

“Christie Road Bridge is being widened to accommodate additional traffic generated by the new eastbound on ramp to the motorway.

“Once completed, the new Macquarie Park ramps will help alleviate congestion on Epping Road and through Macquarie Park. The new ramps will help to accommodate the additional cars from the rapid growth of the university and the business park. “

“Widening is also underway on Talavera Road at Macquarie Park to provide two additional general traffic lanes between Christie Road and Alma Road. Since June, works have involved vegetation clearing, adjoining property adjustments and the relocation of existing services. Road widening is scheduled to begin in mid- January 2012 and will take approximately seven months to complete.

The Macquarie Park ramps are scheduled for opening in the third quarter of 2012.

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