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MOTORISTS EXPERIENCE FIRST STAGE OF NEW M4

The first section of the WestConnex New M4 is now open to traffic, bringing massive relief to motorists across Western Sydney.

For the first time, drivers can now enjoy four lanes in each direction with new access points and smoother road surfaces on the widened section of the New M4, between Parramatta and Homebush.

Minister for WestConnex Stuart Ayres thank people for their patience during construction of this first vital section of WestConnex which will deliver faster, safer and more reliable trips for Western Sydney motorists.

“In just over two years, we’ve delivered the first stage of this once-in-a-generation game changing infrastructure which Western Sydney has been crying out for,” Mr Ayres said.

“Crews are continuing to work around the clock and all lanes are now open.

“The first section of the New M4 project has been a massive undertaking with 4.3 million people hours worked, more than 40,000 cubic metres of concrete poured and 50,000 tonnes of asphalt laid.

“We’ve made great progress but there’s plenty more to do with our New M4 tunnels now more than halfway complete, over one kilometre of the New M5 tunnels excavated and the M4-M5 Link scheduled to start next year.

“This project is driving an economic boom across Western Sydney with the first stage of the New M4 alone supporting 2,000 direct and indirect jobs throughout construction and more than 1600 businesses signing contracts exceeding \$1.6 billion.”

A distance-based toll of between \$1.77 and \$4.56 will be implemented on the widened section of the M4 between Parramatta and Homebush from 15 August 2017.

By early 2019, the widened section of the New M4 will connect to the New M4 tunnels currently under construction, creating a traffic-light-free connection between Parramatta and Haberfield.

The fully completed WestConnex will transform Sydney’s transport network by linking the New M4 and New M5 via underground tunnels to create a continuous free-flowing bypass of the CBD, with links to the port and airport precincts.