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$50 MILLION FOR EPPING STATION BRIDGE: EXTRA TRAFFIC LANE TO IMPROVE FLOW

One of Sydney’s worst bottlenecks is set for an upgrade, after Minister for Planning and Housing, Anthony Roberts, announced an investment of more than $50 million towards the much-anticipated widening of the Epping Station Bridge.

Mr Roberts said the project would build on the NSW Government’s commitment to make travel flow through the North West Rail Link Corridor both safer and faster for the community.

“We have listened to the local Epping community and addressed their concerns, particularly that they see the road as a problematic pinch point,” Mr Roberts said.

“Epping Railway Station already provides good access to many employment and education destinations and this will be further improved when the $8.3 billion Sydney Metro Northwest is completed next year.

“Widening the Epping Station Bridge is another critical piece of the infrastructure puzzle in Sydney’s growing northwest and will be a significant boost to the local community.”

Mr Roberts said it was the job of Government to plan for growth in a coordinated manner, with a focus on good access to public transport connections, new homes and jobs.

“That’s why we’re working with RMS and providing the funding to improve traffic flow and road safety on the Epping over bridge,” Mr Roberts said.

The Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, Melinda Pavey, said the project would provide an additional westbound lane, central median strip and wider footpaths over the rail line near Epping Railway Station, helping to ease congestion in the flourishing neighbourhood.

“The project forms part of a Government package to unlock development around Epping Railway Station and support new homes,” Ms Pavey said.
Member for Epping, Damien Tudehope, said the funding was proof the Government was responding to the community’s concerns and delivering real action to fix issues raised.

“The community is right behind this project, and with good reason. It will reduce travel times and increase pedestrian safety,” Mr Tudehope said.

The project will be delivered by the RMS with $50.04 million of funding from the Department of Planning and Environment.

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