Joint Media Statement

29 July 2016

Dual lanes open to road users on Tiger Brennan Drive

The newly duplicated section of Tiger Brennan Drive connecting Palmerston to Darwin will switch to the final dual lane configuration at 6am this Saturday, 30 July.

Minister for Urban Infrastructure Paul Fletcher said the opening of the upgraded section – between Berrimah Road and Woolner Road – represents a major step towards completion of the Tiger Brennan Drive upgrade later this year.

“When the entire project is completed, approximately 10.4 kilometres of Tiger Brennan Drive stretching from Dinah Beach Road to Berrimah Road, will have been upgraded to a dual lane carriageway,” Mr Fletcher said.

“The resulting benefits will include reductions in travel times between the Top End’s major centres, reduced traffic congestion problems in Darwin and a major improvement in safety levels for everyone who uses Tiger Brennan Drive.”

Northern Territory Minister for Transport Peter Chandler said that although traffic has been switched to the final configuration, works are continuing at the Woolner Road intersection and along Benison Road.

“We expect that these works will be completed by September this year,” Mr Chandler said.

“Darwin residents and businesses have been waiting a long time for dual lanes on what is the busiest road connecting Darwin and Palmerston.”

“Even though the entirety of the project is not due for completion until later this year, road users will begin reaping the rewards of this project from Saturday as they get to use the new dual lane road.

“Road users need to be aware that before the new dual lane section opens on Saturday, closures will take place on Tiger Brennan Drive – between 7.00pm and 6.00am tonight and on Friday, 29 July – to allow for the safe removal of temporary traffic control devices and completion of line marking works.”

The $103 million Tiger Brennan Drive Duplication project is jointly funded with the Australian Government contributing $70 million and the Northern Territory Government contributing $33 million.

Construction commenced on the duplication between Woolner Road and Berrimah Road in October 2014, with the full duplication expected to be completed by September 2016.
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