$6 Million Tiger Brennan Drive Duplication

A $6 million upgrade of Tiger Brennan Drive will reduce travelling times and eliminate an irritating bottleneck for thousands of Territory motorists driving home from Darwin city.

Infrastructure Minister Delia Lawrie today said Budget 2009 would deliver two extra outbound lanes between Dinah Beach Road and Woolner Road.

“Budget 2009 is focused on protecting Territory jobs and building the Territory – this project will create 8 full time construction jobs, 4 jobs in supply and support industries and improve one of the Territory’s most important roads,” Ms Lawrie said.

“We are delivering a $6 million project to construct more outbound lanes to deliver a fast transit corridor - reducing congestion along Tiger Brennan Drive during peak hour afternoon traffic.

“The $6 million funding allocation will also deliver new traffic lights at the Gonzales Road intersection to improve safety for motorists accessing Stuart Park and the Dinah Beach boat ramp via Tiger Brennan Drive.

“This project complements the $110 million Tiger Brennan Drive extension to Palmerston and the $2.5 million project to construct new passing lanes along Tiger Brennan Drive, with both projects well underway.

“Tripling the number of outbound lanes between Dinah Beach Road and Woolner Road – together with the extension of passing lanes between Bayview Haven and City Valley – will give motorists a quicker ride home from the CBD.”

The current $2.5 million project to build new passing lanes along Tiger Brennan Drive is set for completion before the end of the 2009 Dry Season with work on the $6 million Tiger Brennan Drive duplication to begin soon after.

Clearing works for the $89 million stage Tiger Brennan Drive extension to Palmerston will start over the next few days.

This project includes a new $38 million overpass – and is expected to be ready to use by the end of the 2010 Dry Season.

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