Joint Media Statement

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Contract awarded for next stage of The Northern Road

Work on the next stage of The Northern Road upgrade is on track to start next year, with the design and major work contract awarded for a four-kilometre section.

Federal Minister for Urban Infrastructure Paul Fletcher announced Lendlease would design and build the The Northern Road between Glenmore Parkway at Glenmore Park and Jamison Road in South Penrith.

“The Northern Road upgrade is one of the major projects in the Australian and New South Wales governments’ $3.6 billion Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan, which will provide essential road improvements for one of Australia’s fastest growing regions,” Mr Fletcher said.

“It is essential that all levels of government work together to ensure the right infrastructure is in place before the proposed Western Sydney Airport opens in the mid-2020s, which is why we have fast tracked this project by up to 18 months.”

Member for Mulgoa Tanya Davies said the upgrade aimed to reduce travel times by widening The Northern Road between Jamison Road at South Penrith and Glenmore Parkway at Glenmore Park from three to four lanes in each direction. Traffic lights will also be installed at Glenmore Parkway to enhance safety and assist traffic movements.

“The project will also help alleviate critical pinch points and improve traffic flow by removing one set of traffic lights at the M4 interchange,” Ms Davies said.

“Construction on the project was expected to start in mid-2017 and be completed by mid 2020.”

Stuart Ayres MP, Member for Penrith said as part of this massive infrastructure project, a new bridge will be built above the M4 Motorway to replace the existing bridge which and pedestrians and cyclists will benefit from increased safety and better connectivity with the installation of new shared paths. Additional turning lanes at some intersections, including Maxwell Street in South Penrith are also included in this upgrade.

“Commuters will also benefit from improved public transport along the route thanks to new kerbside bus lanes, helping to support the growth from residential and commercial development, with Western Sydney set to grow by around one million people in the next 20 years.”

"This is about investing for our future and making sure our critical infrastructure keeps pace with the population growth in our community."
Once the entire $1.6 billion The Northern Road upgrade is complete by mid-2020, motorists will benefit from 35 kilometres of upgraded road designed to reduce congestion and improve safety for motorists travelling between Narellan and Penrith.

These investments will provide the region with strong transport connections and create additional job opportunities for local residents as the projects move into construction.

The community will continue to be updated on the progress of work as the project moves ahead. For more information on Western Sydney road projects visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au/wsip.