CONTRACTOR SELECTED TO BUILD NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL ROAD UPGRADES

Minister for Roads Duncan Gay today joined local MPs Mike Baird (Manly), Brad Hazzard (Wakehurst), Jonathan O'Dea (Davidson) and Rob Stokes (Pittwater) in announcing Ferrovial York Joint Venture as the preferred tenderer to design and build the road upgrades surrounding the future Northern Beaches Hospital.

Minister Gay said Ferrovial York Joint Venture was selected from three organisations shortlisted last year to deliver the major package of work in time for the hospital opening in 2018.

“This is an exciting step for the Northern Beaches Hospital project and shows the NSW Liberals & Nationals are getting on with the job of providing not just upgraded health services but also supportive infrastructure and transport options,” Mr Gay said.

“The major road upgrades will be carried out in two stages on key travel routes including Warringah Road, Forest Way and Wakehurst Parkway.”

Health Minister Jillian Skinner said that the upgrades were promised when the NSW Government announced that the Northern Beaches Hospital would be built.

“The road upgrades will make a huge difference, not only to those accessing the hospital but the many people moving around and through the area,” Mrs Skinner said.

Premier and Member for Manly Mike Baird said stage one work will provide direct access to the new hospital and stage two will increase road capacity on the supporting network, reduce congestion and improve traffic flow.

“As announced in the Northern Beaches Transport Action Plan released last year, the road work will also support bus services to the CBD, Chatswood, Dee Why and Manly,” Mr Baird said.
Mr Hazzard said the proposed upgrades include road widening, bus priority at intersections and other improvements on Warringah Road, a new underpass under the intersections of Warringah Road with Forest Way, Hilmer Street and Wakehurst Parkway, and pedestrian bridges near Hilmer Street and Forest Way.

“The NSW Government will continue working closely with residents, businesses and other stakeholders including Warringah Council and The Forest High School, to progress plans and reduce the impact of building work,” Mr Hazzard said.

Mr Stokes said the NSW Government is working on further bus improvements to complement the road upgrades including a new public transport interchange, better public transport connections across the northern beaches and planning for a rapid bus route to connect Chatswood, Dee Why and Manly via Frenchs Forest.

“The community is invited to view the submissions report for the planned road upgrades. The Concept Proposal, stage one submissions report and preferred infrastructure report can be viewed at majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au,” Mr Stokes said.

Mr O'Dea said the environmental impact statement for stage two will be displayed for community comment mid-year.

“For more information on the Northern Beaches Hospital road upgrades call 1300 367 459 or visit the project page at www.rms.nsw.gov.au,” Mr O'Dea said.

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