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HAVE YOUR SAY ON HARBOUR BRIDGE TOLL BOOTHS REMOVAL

Minister for Roads Duncan Gay today announced plans to replace the tolling system on the Sydney Harbour Bridge were progressing well, with community feedback being sought on the installation of new tolling gantries in North Sydney.

“The Sydney Harbour Bridge cash booths served an important purpose for many decades but when the Bridge became cashless, it became clear that a better solution could be found,” Mr Gay said.

“Our tolling technology is installed within the gantries, so we needed a solution that not only improved traffic flow but was also able to house reliable and modern technology.

“Removing the booths at either end of the bridge will streamline traffic flow travelling through to the Western Distributor and northern CBD and allow continuation of the bus lane from the Harbour Bridge to York Street.

“The NSW Government is committed to preserving the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge and surrounds while ensuring the critical road corridor remains functional and modern,” Mr Gay said.

Feedback is being sought on one double span and three single span gantries at:
- Warringah Freeway north of Mount Street (double span)
- Eastern Sydney Harbour Bridge on-ramp from Mount Street
- Western Sydney Harbour Bridge on-ramp from Mount Street
- Sydney Harbour Bridge on-ramp from High Street.

Following community submissions, a Review of Environmental Factors will be available in coming months. Installation of new gantries at the northern end of the bridge is scheduled by the end of the year.

Roads and Maritime Services has also started planning to remove the southern tollbooths with similar community feedback to be called for in coming months.

In addition to the gantry work, a contract has been awarded to deliver the new tolling technology for the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Tunnel, replacing the outdated system, which has been in place since 2000.

The $10 million new tolling system contract, awarded to Kapsch TrafficCom Australia Pty Ltd, will deliver the world’s most modern multi-lane free-flow tolling system for the busy corridor and will be installed into the new gantries.

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