Joint Media Statement

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Have your say: The Northern Road concept design on display

The community is invited to have its say on the next stage of the $1.6 billion upgrade of The Northern Road, with the concept design and Review of Environmental Factors for the four-kilometre section between the Glenmore Parkway and Jamison Road now on display.

Minister for Urban Infrastructure Paul Fletcher said the upgrade of The Northern Road is one of the centrepiece projects in the Australian and New South Wales governments’ $3.6 billion Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan.

“Our plan will provide essential road improvements ahead of the planned Western Sydney Airport opening in the mid-2020s,” Mr Fletcher said.

“The upgrade includes widening 35 kilometres of road between Narellan and Penrith to improve what is a vital north-south connection for Western Sydney.

“The project is part of our commitment to delivering vital, city-transforming infrastructure in Western Sydney in order to unlock the economic and jobs potential of one of the nation’s fastest-growing regions.”

New South Wales Minister for Roads Duncan Gay said features of the upgrade included widening this section of The Northern Road to four lanes in each direction including a kerbside bus lane, improved intersections with new and upgraded traffic lights and turning lanes, as well as noise barriers to minimise impacts on local residents.

“Once complete, this upgrade will deliver plenty of wins for Western Sydney including increased road capacity to cater for future growth in the area; an improved transport corridor between Penrith, the M4 Motorway and the planned airport; better safety for pedestrians and cyclists; and better public transport links,” Mr Gay said.

“Access to the M4 Motorway at Orchard Hills will also be improved to include a new, wider bridge over the M4.”
The concept design and Review of Environmental Factors will remain on display until Friday 4 November with community information sessions scheduled throughout this month.

The information sessions will be held on Wednesday 19 October from 3.30pm to 7pm and on Tuesday 25 October from 3.30pm to 7pm at Penrith South Public School, 172-190 Jamison Road, South Penrith.

Sessions will also be held on Saturday 22 October between 10am and 1pm and Saturday 29 October from 12pm to 3pm at the Kingswood Neighbourhood Centre 23-25 Bringelly Road at Kingswood.

Feedback is invited until Friday 4 November via email wsip@rms.nsw.gov.au, or by mail to The Northern Road Upgrade Glenmore Parkway to Jamison Road, Roads and Maritime Services PO BOX 973 Parramatta NSW 2124.

“We want the community to have its say and all feedback will be considered in further project development ahead of construction starting in the first half of next year,” Mr Ayres said.

“This upgrade is planned to be open to traffic by 2020 and I encourage local residents to be involved in the consultation process,” Mrs Davies said.

To learn more and view an animation of the proposed design, visit the Roads and Maritime website at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/thenorthernroad.

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