$348 MILLION FOR WESTERN SYDNEY ROADS IN 2011 – 2012 STATE BUDGET

NSW Roads Minister Duncan Gay today announced more than $348 million will be invested in western Sydney roads as part of the 2011-2012 State Budget.

“Western Sydney is a key growth area and this investment represents a strong commitment to improve the road network for the thousands of motorists who travel through the area every day,” Mr Gay said.

Key funding for western Sydney includes:
- $181 million to build major road infrastructure projects
- $92 million to maintain existing road infrastructure
- $66 million for improvements to the traffic network
- $9 million for local road safety initiatives

“This budget delivers to the people of western Sydney a number of important projects."

“In 2011-2012 we will see the completion of the final stage of the upgrade of Hoxton Park Road to four lanes between Banks Road and Cowpasture Road and completion of the northern approach to Alfords Point bridge.

“Work to widen the Hume Highway between Brooks Road and Narrellan Road will also be finished.

“Planning work for the upgrade of the M5 between King Georges Road and Camden Valley Way will continue this year,” he said

“Funding has been allocated to two final projects to complete the widening of the Great Western Highway to four lanes between Emu Plains and Katoomba.

This includes $15 million to start construction of the four lane upgrade between Genevieve Road, Bullaburra and Wentworth Falls and $4 million to start construction of the four lane upgrade at Bullaburra between Ridge Street and Genevieve Road.

“The four lane highway between Emu Plains and Katoomba is expected to be completed by 2014,” Mr Gay said.

Other key investments in the region include:
- $40 million to continue construction of the four lane upgrade of the Great Western Highway at Lawson
- $32 million to continue construction of the jointly funded upgrade of the Great Western Highway between Woodford and Hazelbrook
- $28 million to continue construction of the jointly funded upgrade of the Great Western Highway at Wentworth Falls East
- $25 million to complete construction of the joint-funded F5 Freeway widening between Ingleburn and Campbelltown
- $15 million to continue construction of the four lane upgrade of Camden Valley Way between Cobbitty Road and Narellan Road
- $16 million to start construction of the Erskine Park Link Road to service the Western Sydney Employment Area
$10.3 million to complete a new railway bridge at Schofields as part of the Richmond rail line duplication, to provide for the future extension of Schofields Road from Railway Terrace to Richmond Road

$3.5 million towards the upgrade of the M2 Motorway between Windsor Road and Lane Cove Road

$2.5 million to continue planning for the upgrade of The Northern Road between Camden Valley Way and Bringelly Road

$2 million to plan for the upgrade of the M5 Motorway between King Georges Road and Camden Valley Way

$5 million to continue planning and preconstruction activities for the upgrade of Schofields Road between Windsor Road and Tallawong Road

$3.8 million for planning the upgrade of Schofields Road between Tallawong Road and Richmond Road

$1.5 million for the federally funded Richmond Bridge congestion study at Kurrajong Road between Market Street and Grose Vale Road.

The NSW Government has also committed a $200 million four year package to tackle congestion and safety on key routes, with $100 million allocated to western Sydney for projects including:

- Investigation into the installation of a cycleway and pathway for Victoria Bridge at Penrith
- Planning for the first stage of a future Werrington Arterial between the M4 Motorway and the Great Western Highway (State and Federal funded)
- Replacement of Windsor Bridge over the Hawkesbury River

“Local councils in western Sydney will also share in almost $11.7 million of State funds to help maintain their road networks,” he said.