Northern Beaches Hospital connectivity and network enhancement works – have your say

What are the benefits?
The NSW Government is planning to invest $400 million in road upgrades around the new Northern Beaches Hospital with works scheduled to be completed in time for the hospital opening.
The road upgrades would provide a better travelling experience for vehicle and bus customers and increase the capacity of the road network. Roads and Maritime Services is planning to deliver the road upgrades in two stages:

- Stage one would provide essential access to the Northern Beaches Hospital
- Stage two would help to increase capacity of the surrounding road network and reduce congestion.

Roads and Maritime has developed a concept design for stage one and a schematic layout for stage two and is seeking your feedback. We will be accepting feedback until Friday 29 August 2014.

Background
The new Northern Beaches Hospital will be a contemporary health facility providing a range of complex health services and treatments, with a large, modern Emergency Department and more beds and operating theatres than currently available on the Northern Beaches. The hospital will use leading technologies to deliver the highest quality care to both public and private patients. For the first time, people on the Northern Beaches will be able to access the majority of their health care needs without having to leave the Northern Beaches.

To support the hospital, the road upgrades will provide a better travelling experience for vehicle and bus customers and increase the capacity of the road network. The hospital will be located close to Warringah Road, Forest Way and Wakehurst Parkway which are major arterial roads serving Sydney’s northern suburbs.
What are the stage one upgrades?

Roads and Maritime has developed a concept design for stage one for the Northern Beaches Hospital. The key features of the road upgrades would include:

• Widening and intersection upgrades along sections of Forest Way between Warringah Road and south of Adams Street to include an additional right turn bay from Forest Way into Naree Road
• Upgrading the existing bus zone fronting the Forest Way shopping centre on Forest Way to allow two buses to stop within the bay
• Widening of Naree Road/Frenchs Forest Road West from two to four lanes
• Widening of Frenchs Forest Road East from Wakehurst Parkway to Allambie Road from two lanes to four lanes
• New traffic lights with signalised pedestrian crossings at the intersections of:
  – Forest Way and Naree Road
  – Naree Road, Rabbett Street and Frenchs Forest Road West
  – Frenchs Forest Road West and the new main access to the hospital opposite Gladys Avenue
  – Frenchs Forest Road East and Romford Road
  – Frenchs Forest Road East, Patanga Road and Allambie Road
• Widening and upgrading the intersection of Frenchs Forest Road West and East with Wakehurst Parkway
• Widening of Wakehurst Parkway from about 450 metres north of the intersection with Frenchs Forest Road West and East to the intersection with Warringah Road
• New bus priority lanes along approaches and departures to the Frenchs Forest Road West and East intersection with Wakehurst Parkway
• Widening of Allambie Road to the north of the intersection with Warringah Road to include additional turning lanes into Frenchs Forest Road East from Allambie Road
• Widening and upgrading the intersection of Warringah Road and Allambie Road to include an additional right turn lane into Allambie Road from Warringah Road
• Widening of Warringah Road about 500 metres east of the intersection with Allambie Road up to Courtley Street
• New traffic lights, to be triggered by buses only, to enable buses to cross the eastbound lanes of Warringah Road to enter Frenchs Forest Road East from the median lane on Warringah Road in the westbound direction
• A left-in and left-out access on Warringah Road opposite Hilmer Street to provide an additional access point to the hospital.

To help better explain these proposed upgrades, we have included a diagram.
What will happen in stage two?

Roads and Maritime has developed a schematic layout for stage two for the Northern Beaches Hospital. The key features of the road upgrades would include:

- Widening and upgrading of Warringah Road from west of Fitzpatrick Avenue to west of Allambie Road including:
  - An underpass for eastbound and westbound through traffic extending from west of Forest Way to east of Wakehurst Parkway and at the intersections with Forest Way, Hilmer Street and Wakehurst Parkway
  - Eastbound and westbound travel lanes at surface level on either side of the underpass
  - A new pedestrian overbridge near Hilmer Street
  - Removal and replacement of the existing pedestrian overbridge west of Forest Way
- Connecting Aquatic Drive with Wakehurst Parkway
- Widening and upgrading along sections of Wakehurst Parkway between Warringah Road and south of Aquatic Drive
- Widening and upgrading Allambie Road from Warringah Road to Rodborough Road
- Modifying the existing traffic lights at Hilmer Street to include the hospital access as a four-way intersection.

Roads and Maritime has submitted an application under the State Significant Infrastructure to initiate the planning approval process for stage two of the road upgrades. The application can be viewed on the Department of Planning and Environment’s major projects website at [www.planning.nsw.gov.au/northernbeacheshospital](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/northernbeacheshospital).

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How can you get involved?

Roads and Maritime recognises the importance of involving the community in the development of the road upgrades for the Northern Beaches Hospital. As part of this involvement, Roads and Maritime and Health Infrastructure will host six community information sessions. The stage one concept design and stage two schematic layouts will be available to view at these sessions. The project team will also be available to answer questions and receive feedback. A formal presentation will not be given, so please feel free to drop in at any time during these sessions.

- **Saturday 26 July** from midday to 4pm at the Forestville Memorial Hall, corner Starkey Street and Warringah Road at Forestville
- **Monday 28 July** from 3pm to 6pm at the Mona Vale Memorial Hall (Main Hall), 1606 Pittwater Road at Mona Vale
- **Wednesday 30 July** from 5pm to 8pm at the Galstaun Function Centre, 5 Grattan Crescent at Frenchs Forest
- **Saturday 2 August** from midday to 4pm at the Forestville Memorial Hall, corner Starkey Street and Warringah Road at Forestville
- **Thursday 7 August** from 5pm to 8pm at the Manly Life Saving Club, Manly Surf Pavilion on the corner of South Steyne and Ashburner Street at Manly
- **Saturday 16 August** from 10am to 2pm at the Manly Life Saving Club, Manly Surf Pavilion on the corner of South Steyne and Ashburner Street at Manly.

This community update is available on the Roads and Maritime project website. You can also email the project team on nbhroadwork@rms.nsw.gov.au and ask to be added to the stakeholder list to ensure you receive up-to-date information.
What are the next steps?

Roads and Maritime distributed a community update on the road upgrades to 20,000 residents in March 2014 as part of the early consultation phase and invited the public to three community information sessions in April 2014. About 700 members of the public attended these sessions.

Roads and Maritime is also continuing to work closely with Warringah Council, the Forest High School, Health Infrastructure, the community, businesses and other stakeholders as planning for the road upgrades continues.
What are the latest developments with the new Northern Beaches Hospital?

The new Northern Beaches Hospital will provide more health services and complex care at contemporary standards, with modern infrastructure that supports innovation, research, teaching and clinical changes well into the future. There will be more beds and theatres, a larger mental health facility, as well as a large, modern Emergency Department. Healthscope and Ramsay Health Care have submitted bids to design, build, operate and maintain the new hospital. The evaluation will take place over the next few months, with a recommendation to Government later this year. For the remainder of 2014, the site will be prepared ahead of main construction. Once the hospital operator is appointed, construction will commence in 2015 and the hospital will open in 2018. For more information go to www.nbhsredev.health.nsw.gov.au

What bus routes will get people to the hospital?

$125 million will be invested to get on with the job of delivering kerbside Bus Rapid Transit on the Northern Beaches. Delivery of infrastructure such as interchange facilities, bus bays, bus lanes and road upgrades will support a system providing frequent ‘turn-up-and-go’ services every 10 minutes between Mona Vale and the Sydney CBD. As outlined in Sydney’s Bus Future, the hospital precinct will be served by better cross-regional bus services running to a frequent timetable. A new Manly – Chatswood bus service via Dee Why and Frenchs Forest will provide direct access to the hospital. An improved bus route from Belrose to the Sydney CBD via Eastern Valley Way will also service the hospital precinct at Forest Way. Other local bus routes will be introduced or services upgraded to provide better access to the Northern Beaches Hospital from surrounding neighbourhoods.

What is the Government doing to upgrade transport on the Northern Beaches?

The NSW Government will deliver transport improvements for the area, as well as planning for future growth, through the Northern Beaches Transport Action Plan. $633 million will be invested over the next five years to connect the new Northern Beaches Hospital to the community and to start delivering Bus Rapid Transit for the wider Northern Beaches area. This will be supported by traffic and road improvements, commuter car parks, modern bus stops and more frequent public transport services. This investment will establish a modern transport system for the Northern Beaches. The transport system will connect key centres including Mona Vale, Dee Why, Brookvale and Frenchs Forest with employment, services and retail precincts.

What is Warringah Council planning with the Northern Beaches Hospital Precinct Structure Plan?

Warringah Council is currently preparing the Northern Beaches Hospital Precinct Structure Plan to look at the wider land use implications of the new Northern Beaches Hospital. It will involve a detailed analysis of opportunities and constraints, to properly plan for future development around the new hospital. Council will be engaging consultants to undertake this important planning task. The Structure Plan will be prepared over the next 18 months along with community engagement. Further information will be available once the planning work has commenced and regular updates will be available at www.warringah.nsw.gov.au.
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- **Forest Way/Russell Avenue**: Extend existing bus bay.
- **Forest Way/Naree Road**:
  - New traffic lights and signalised pedestrian crossing at Forest Way/Naree Road intersection.
  - Provide right turn bay into Russell Avenue.
  - Remove speed hump.
- **Naree Road/Rabbett Street**:
  - New traffic lights and signalised pedestrian crossing (to replace roundabout) at Naree Road/Frenchs Forest Road West/Rabbett Street intersection.
  - Signalised pedestrian crossing to remain.
  - Peak periods only.
Northern Beaches Hospital road upgrades – stage one (connectivity work)

- Russell Avenue turn bay into Provide right intersection at Forest Way/Naree Road
- Signalised pedestrian crossing
- New traffic lights and
- Frenchs Forest Road West
- Naree Road
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- Pedestrian crossing (to replace
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- Frenchs Forest Road West
- Gladys Avenue
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- Hilmer Street
- Only access
- Ambulance
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- Bantry Bay Road
- Bluegum Crescent
- Island and crossing
- Pedestrian refuge
- Bluegum Crescent
- Business Park
- Frenchs Forest Road West/Gladys Avenue/
- Proposed hospital main access
- Proposed site
- New hospital site
- Upgrade area
- Retaining wall
- Batter outside footway area
- Bus facility / bus lane
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- Footway
- Median
- Upgrade area
- Retaining wall
- Batter outside footway area
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- New traffic lights and signalised pedestrian crossing at Frenchs Forest Road West/ Gladys Avenue/proposed hospital main access
- Left lane must turn left (buses excepted)
- Bus turning area to be removed
Northern Beaches Hospital road upgrades – stage two (network enhancement work)

This is Figure 1.2 from the State Significant Infrastructure Application Report.
Northern Beaches Hospital road upgrades – stage two (network enhancement work)

Through traffic on Warringah Road separated from turning traffic at Wakehurst Parkway by way of an underpass.

Widening of Allambie Road south of Warringah Road.

Typical cross section along Warringah Road between Forest Way and Wakehurst Parkway.
Other road upgrades under way in Sydney’s northern suburbs

Wakehurst Parkway
Roads and Maritime is investigating options to reduce the impact of flooding on Wakehurst Parkway in parallel with the planning for the Northern Beaches Hospital road upgrades. Roads and Maritime is also planning to extend the southbound left turn lane for Wakehurst Parkway into Frenchs Forest Road East to improve traffic flow and safety for all road users. Community feedback on the proposal is currently being reviewed.

Mona Vale Road upgrade
Roads and Maritime is proposing to upgrade Mona Vale Road from two lanes to four lanes between Terrey Hills and Mona Vale. The upgrades are being planned in stages and are aimed at improving safety and traffic efficiency. The upgrades include:

- **Stage one** – Intersection improvement of Mona Vale Road with Ponderosa Parade and Samuel Street, Mona Vale
- **Stage two** – Mona Vale Road East: Upgrade of 3.2km of Mona Vale Road from two lanes to four lanes between Manor Road, Ingleside and Foley Street, Mona Vale
- **Stage three** – Mona Vale Road West: Upgrade of 3.2km of Mona Vale Road from two lanes to four lanes between McCarrs Creek Road, Terrey Hills and Powder Works Road, Ingleside. The preferred route was announced in August 2013
- **Completed work and other projects** – Work to improve safety on the approach to the Ponderosa Parade/Samuel Street roundabout was completed in January 2014. It included new speed limit signs and improved line marking and signage on the steep descent and warning signs. Community comment on Mona Vale Road East and West upgrades will be invited later this year.

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Have your say
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