Message from the Project Director

The M5 West Widening project was approved on 9 November, 2011. The M5 West Widening project will widen the M5 South West Motorway from two to three lanes in each direction generally from Camden Valley Way, Prestons, to King Georges Road, Beverly Hills. This will reduce travel time for motorists using the motorway and surrounding roads and support planned residential and employment growth in south west Sydney.

Considering the needs of nearby residents and motorists during the construction period is a high priority for the M5 West Widening project team. This community update outlines how we will keep residents and motorists informed and what changes you can expect to experience on the motorway in the next three months.

We will work to minimise construction impacts and traffic delays, but we ask for your patience and understanding during the two and a half year construction period, commencing early August.

We look forward to working with you in delivering the M5 West Widening project.

Regards,

Richard Petaccia
Project Director, Abigroup Construction
M5 West Widening

THREE MONTH LOOK AHEAD

AUGUST 2012

• Survey and geotechnical investigations.
• Clearing and establishment of some site compounds and/or stockpile sites.
• Construction of sedimentation basins.

Note that these timeframes may change due to factors such as weather.

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• Clearing and establishment of some site compounds and/or stockpile sites.
• Construction of sedimentation basins.
• Setting up traffic barriers, traffic signage and construction of temporary breakdown bays.
• Construction of acceleration and deceleration lanes for construction vehicles.
• Drainage works and service relocations.

OCTOBER 2012

• Clearing.
• Construction of sedimentation basins.
• Drainage works under the motorway.
• Construction of acceleration and deceleration lanes for construction vehicles.
• Commencement of median works including excavation and stabilisation.
The M5 West Widening aims to:

- Reduce congestion on the M5 South West Motorway and improve reliability and travel times.
- Provide relief to existing congestion on parallel routes.
- Support forecast growth in Sydney’s south west and improve access between residential, commercial and economic precincts.
- Increase capacity between Sydney’s south west and key destinations such as inner Sydney, Port Botany and Sydney Airport.
- Improve communications between road users and the motorway traffic controllers with a new control centre at Hammondville.
- Improve safety and provide early warning alerts for drivers on the motorway and arterial road networks by providing additional variable message signs.
- Improve accident response times with the installation of a new CCTV system.

Information for nearby residents:

Standard working hours are:

**Monday to Friday - 7am to 6pm**

**Saturday - 8am to 1pm**

During construction, two lanes in each direction will remain open during peak periods. This means that the project team will have to complete a significant amount of work outside standard working hours, including at night and on weekends if required. Every effort will be made to minimise impacts on nearby residents. Measures that the project team will take to minimise impacts include:

- Programming noisier works to occur earlier in the evening.
- Holding regular toolbox talks with construction workers, reminding them to be mindful of nearby residents and to keep noise to a minimum.
- Shrouding noisy equipment.
- Positioning flood lights away from nearby residents.
- Using non-tonal (they sound like a quack) reversing beepers on vehicles.
- Giving nearby residents at least five days notice of upcoming night time works.

Generally, heavy vehicles will access the work areas from the motorway. Occasionally, some work sites will need to be accessed by heavy and smaller trades vehicles via local streets. Residents will be advised in advance of any changes to access in local streets.

Use our interactive map to find out about the new noise walls, compound sites and other project features.
Information for motorists

During construction, two lanes in each direction will remain open during peak periods. The motorway may be reduced to one lane in each direction during night work. Work will take place at various locations along the motorway at the same time.

Every effort will be made to minimise traffic disruptions on the motorway and on surrounding local roads. The project website (m5westwidening.com.au), radio advertising and variable message signs will communicate upcoming major traffic changes. The latest traffic changes will be available on livetraffic.com and displayed on variable message signs.

Drivers will need to take extra care when driving on the motorway as there will be many changes including:

- Work areas established behind concrete barriers (these will be located on the shoulders, on the central median and during off peak times on the motorway).
- Changes to lane markings, and traffic arrangements, including realignment of the road.
- Sharing the motorway corridor with construction workers and traffic controllers, heavy construction vehicles and equipment.

Drive safe - road workers have families too!

Drivers will soon experience changes on the motorway, please be mindful and pay extra attention. Changes may include reduced speed limits in the off peak periods and temporary lane closures. Drivers will see work zones set up on the motorway median and shoulders, traffic controllers, additional signage, road workers, trucks and equipment. The construction team will take all appropriate measures to keep motorists safe on the motorway while widening work is taking place.
Involves asphalt works and the installation of a new median barrier.

Westbound widening generally in the median by one lane from Hume Highway to Camden Valley Way.

Westbound widening by one lane from King Georges Road to Fairford Road.

Involves asphalt works and the installation of a new median barrier.

Proposed widening

Proposed additional lane by linemarking modifications

No widening works

Major road

Railway line

Indicative area for variable message signs (VMS)

Work zones

Recreation area

Water courses

Indicative construction compounds

Industrial area

Bridge upgrading

Existing Hammondville toll plaza

New motorway control centre

Legend
Information for cyclists

Cyclists will still be able to ride on the motorway but may experience changes to access. Please take extra care when riding and check information on signs. Cyclists will need to follow the instructions of traffic controllers and signage at all times to ensure their safety.

If you are a regular cyclist on the motorway please contact us on 1800 986 933 and register your email address to receive cyclist alerts.

General information

Compound sites

The M5 West Widening project will have a main site compound as well as several compound sites to store materials and equipment. At times, some compound sites will operate outside of standard working hours. Residents near compound sites will be notified prior to the sites being established. When the project is completed the compound sites will be restored to their former condition.

The main site compound will be located in the vicinity of Moorebank Avenue and Bapaume Road, Moorebank. The locations of other compound sites are still being finalised but possible locations include:

• Henry Lawson Drive, Milperra and the M5 Motorway (two locations on the south side of the motorway).
• End of Graham Avenue, Casula between Graham Avenue and the M5 Motorway.
• Junction Road and Heathcote Road, Moorebank.
• Bransgrove Road, Panania.
• Marigold Street, Milperra.

Sediment basins

A sediment basin is a temporary pond that captures soil washed off during rain storms. This helps protect the water quality of nearby creeks, ponds and rivers. The sediment settles in the pond before the water runoff is discharged. There will be approximately 15 sediment basins along the length of the motorway, which will assist in maintaining good water quality.

Vegetation

Approximately 19 hectares of vegetation will be cleared at the compound sites and along the length of the motorway. An ecologist will identify hollow bearing trees that may house wildlife before clearing is undertaken. Where wildlife is found, nesting boxes will be established to encourage the wildlife to make new homes. Weed management, ground stabilisation and erosion control will be ongoing throughout the construction period. Cleared areas will be rehabilitated following completion of the widening works.
Conditions of Approval

The M5 West Widening project is subject to a range of Conditions of Approval relating to the management of environmental, construction, traffic, cyclist and noise impacts. These conditions are available on the project website:

m5westwidening.com.au

How will I be updated about the M5 West Widening project?

The M5 West Widening project team will keep the public informed on the progress of the M5 West Widening project by:

• Regularly updating the project website at m5westwidening.com.au

• Delivering quarterly community updates to residents and businesses along the motorway.

• Delivering specific work notices to nearby residents and businesses informing them in advance of any works that may affect them, eg. night time work, noisy work, temporary access changes etc.

• Advising motorists of major traffic changes by advertising on ‘drive-time’ radio slots and on variable message signs on the motorway and on the approaches to the motorway (where applicable).

Community information sessions

Members of the M5 West Widening project team will be on hand at the following community information sessions. You are invited to drop in to a community information session to ask questions about upcoming work in your area.

Zone 1
King Georges Road, Beverly Hills to Henry Lawson Drive, Milperra
Thursday 23 August 4pm to 7pm
Riverwood Community Centre
151 Belmore Road North, Riverwood

Zone 2
Henry Lawson Drive, Milperra to Georges River, Moorebank
Thursday 30 August 4pm to 7pm
Bankstown City Library
62 The Mall, Bankstown

Zone 3
Georges River, Moorebank to Camden Valley Way, Prestons
Tuesday 21 August 4pm to 7pm
Liverpool City Library
170 George Street, Liverpool
Roads and Maritime Services ("RMS") is subject to the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 ("PPIP Act") which requires that we comply with the Information Protection Principles set out in the PPIP Act.

All information in correspondence is collected for the sole purpose of delivering this project. RMS will only disclose your personal information, without your consent, if authorised by the law. Your personal information will be held by RMS at Roads and Maritime Services, 101 Miller Street North Sydney, NSW 2060. You have the right to access and correct the information if you believe that it is incorrect.

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Go to m5westwidening.com.au and register your email address to receive regular project updates.

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A team consisting of Roads and Maritime Services, Interlink Roads and Abigroup Contractors.