The RTA today announced the M5 West widening submissions and preferred project report had been released.

An RTA spokesperson said the report was an important document highlighting the updates which have been made to plans to widen the M5 from two lanes to three.

“The proposal now includes widening the motorway all the way from Camden Valley Way to King Georges Road in both directions.

“This is an extension from Fairford Road to King Georges Road of almost four kilometres from original plans for the eastbound lanes.

“The widening will provide travel time benefits for more than 90,000 motorists who use this vital transport corridor each day.

“The M5 is one of Sydney’s busiest roads and the widening will benefit motorists travelling the full length of the motorway as well as those making shorter trips.

“More than half of motorists travelling eastbound on the M5 leave the motorway before King Georges Road,” the spokesperson said.

The report considers the submissions received in response to the display of the environmental assessment last year and addresses issues raised by the community.

One of the concerns raised was noise, and the revised plans will see around 75 per cent of existing noise walls increased in height.

The noise walls will also be extended by around five kilometres as part of the widening.

Further information and planning documents can be found www.buildingsydeymotorways.com.au or by phoning the project line on 1800 633 332.

Comments on the M5 West widening submissions and preferred proposal report can be made until Wednesday 1 June 2011.
The M5 South West Motorway joins the M5 East Freeway at Beverly Hills, forming an integral corridor in Sydney’s road network, linking south west Sydney to Port Botany and Sydney Airport.

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