Mulgoa Road / Castlereagh Road Corridor Upgrade – have your say

Between Glenmore Parkway, Glenmore Park and Andrews Road, Penrith

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The NSW Government has announced the start of planning for a future 6.5 kilometre upgrade and widening of Mulgoa Road / Castlereagh Road to support current and future traffic demands and expected growth in the area.

The Mulgoa Road / Castlereagh Road Corridor is a State arterial road and one of two main access routes between Penrith and the M4 Motorway. Mulgoa Road and The Northern Road connect Penrith Local Government Area, including the Central Business District, with other parts of Greater Sydney. The corridor carries significant traffic volumes of about 2500 to 3800 vehicles per hour during morning and afternoon peak periods.

There are a number of key developments served by Mulgoa Road / Castlereagh Road that have increased population and employment in its immediate vicinity and contribute to associated travel demand. These include Penrith Panthers Entertainment Precinct, Penrith Station Precinct, Riverlink and Nepean River Precincts, Sportingbet Stadium, Penrith Lakes and the Bulky Goods Precinct, as well as the urban land releases at Glenmore Park and Thornton.

Roads and Maritime Services has started planning for the progressive upgrade and widening of the Mulgoa Road / Castlereagh Road Corridor between Glenmore Parkway, Glenmore Park and Andrews Road, Penrith.
Project Benefits
The main benefits of the proposal include:
- Managing congestion and delays along Mulgoa Road / Castlereagh Road during morning and afternoon peak periods
- Reduced travel times and lower transport costs
- Improved road safety for all users
- Supporting residential and employment growth and providing reliable network performance to support economic growth and productivity by providing road capacity for predicted 2036 traffic volumes
- Improving access for public transport
- Improving freight efficiency
- Providing safe and effective pedestrian and cycling infrastructure
- Improving urban design and visual aspects of the road corridor.

What is happening now?
We are seeking local knowledge of the area and early feedback from the community and stakeholders to assist us with planning and identifying the best option for this road corridor upgrade.

As part of this project, Roads and Maritime will carry out investigation work and technical studies to prepare a Preferred Option Report.

In late 2014 Roads and Maritime published the Preferred Option Report for the Jane Street and Mulgoa Road Infrastructure Upgrade. As this project forms the first stage of the Mulgoa Road / Castlereagh Road Corridor Upgrade, planning and staging of these two projects will be coordinated.

The Mulgoa Road / Castlereagh Road project is part of a plan to progressively upgrade a number of major arterial roads in Western Sydney to deliver a more efficient, reliable network that meets the future needs of the community and the economy. More information about other Roads and Maritime infrastructure projects in the area is provided in this update.

What happens next?
Roads and Maritime is now carrying out investigations and technical studies to inform a Preferred Option Report, which is scheduled to be published to the community later this year for community comment.

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Jane Street and Mulgoa Road Infrastructure Upgrade

In 2013 the Australian and NSW governments jointly committed $70 million to developing and building road improvements at Jane Street and Mulgoa Road, Penrith.

Roads and Maritime carried out investigation work and technical studies to identify the best option to support current and future traffic demands and expected growth in the area.

A Preferred Option Report was published late last year with community comments closing in February 2015. A Community Consultation Report summarising all the feedback received was published in May. Concept Design and a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) have started for a proposal.

For further information or to read or download these reports visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/sydneywest and search for Jane Street and Mulgoa Road Infrastructure Upgrade or you can contact the project team on 1800 733 084.

Other road projects in planning for the area

Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan

The Australian and NSW governments are funding a 10 year, $3.6 billion road investment program for western Sydney.

The Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan will deliver major road infrastructure upgrades to support an integrated transport solution for the region and capitalise on the economic benefits from developing the proposed Western Sydney Airport at Badgerys Creek.

The Plan provides improved road transport capacity ahead of future demand, as planned residential and employment development takes place in western Sydney’s growth centres and the Broader Western Sydney Employment Area.

This work will transform the region’s economy and make western Sydney an even better place to live and do business.

Features

• Upgrade of The Northern Road to a minimum of four lanes between Narellan and the M4 Motorway, south Penrith
• Construction of a new east-west M12 Motorway to the airport between the M7 Motorway and The Northern Road, Luddenham
• Upgrade of Bringelly Road to a minimum of four lanes between The Northern Road and Camden Valley Way. Construction started in January 2015
• Building the Werrington Arterial Road by upgrading Kent Road and Gipps Street to four lanes between the Great Western Highway and the M4 Motorway, including two new east facing ramps on the M4 Motorway. Construction started in March 2015.

Local Roads Package

The Australian Government is funding a $200 million Local Roads Package as part of the Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan. The Package enables councils to deliver road improvement projects that support better local transport connections in western Sydney.

Round One funding announced in late 2014 provided $1.1 million to Penrith City Council for studies on The Northern Road and Erskine Park Road Intersection upgrade.

Further information about the Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au/WSIP or contact the project team on 1800 703 457.

M4 Smart Motorway project

The Australian and NSW governments are proposing to introduce intelligent technology, known as a Smart Motorway System, to Sydney’s M4 Motorway between Parramatta and Lapstone.

Smart Motorways, also known as ‘managed motorways’ use complementary technologies to monitor traffic conditions, manage congestion and respond to incidents in real-time.

The proposed M4 Smart Motorway would introduce a smarter way of travelling the M4 Motorway by using real-time information, communication and traffic management tools to provide motorists with a safer, smoother and more reliable journey.

The project would connect with the WestConnex project at Mays Hill.

The proposed concept design and Review of Environmental Factors were displayed for community comment, between March and April 2015.

Roads and Maritime is currently considering this feedback and will use it to inform the final concept design.

For further information about the M4 Smart Motorway project visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au/m4smartmotorway or you can contact the project team on 1800 989 929.
Have your say

We encourage you to share your local knowledge of the area by providing written feedback on this proposal.

Comments are invited until Friday 25 September 2015.

You can provide your comments by:

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For more information

For further information about the Mulgoa Road / Castlereagh Road Corridor Upgrade you can contact the project team:

Phone: 1800 733 084
Email: mulgoaroadupgrade@rms.nsw.gov.au
Web: Information about this project is also available at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/sydneywest and search for Mulgoa Road / Castlereagh Road Corridor Upgrade.

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