M5 CORRIDOR COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Sydney Airport has welcomed the NSW Government’s commencement of a consultation process for the expansion of the M5 corridor.

The consultation covers the widening of the M5 South-West Motorway and the duplication of the M5 East tunnels.

The CEO of Sydney Airport, Russell Balding, said that the airport would be actively participating in the NSW RTA’s consultation process to ensure an optimum outcome for all stakeholders.

“The provision by the NSW Government of improved transport infrastructure is necessary to manage Sydney’s growth and economic development.

“Given the growth in truck movements from the expansion of Port Botany, the additional traffic generated by residential and commercial developments such as Green Square and the forecast increase in passengers flying to and from Sydney Airport, it is essential that planning for upgrades to the region’s ground transport is not only advanced but resolved in a reasonable timeframe.

“Ensuring that the airport is efficiently connected to the surrounding road network is an important priority.

“Sydney Airport therefore welcome’s the commencement of the consultation phase as the essential first step in securing early approval for the construction of the project,” Mr Balding said.

Sydney Airport will be considering the material released by the RTA and will be making a submission as part of the consultation process.

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