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M5 expansion a necessity but where’s the cash to build it?

Sydney Business Chamber has welcomed a proposal from the NSW Government to widen the vital M5 Motorway but is sceptical that the NSW Government will be able to find the cash to build it.

“The M5 motorway is a vital piece of infrastructure for Sydney’s economy. Growth at Sydney Airport, Port Botany and in South West Sydney are dependent on transport links that work and the widening of the M5 is desperately needed to handle the current traffic and expected traffic in the future,” said Patricia Forsythe, Executive Director of Sydney Business Chamber.

“We are concerned that this important upgrade could be delayed indefinitely if this plan is totally dependent on the NSW Government going to Infrastructure Australia to secure funding.

“The challenge for the NSW Government is to secure the funds to deliver this critical project.

“Having bold transport ideas is not good enough without the capacity to realise them.

“Business wants to be able to make informed decisions about where to invest and expand around the M5 corridor but without certainty of funding for the project this becomes very difficult.

“The cost of this project at $4.5 billion again calls into question the wisdom of the NSW Government wasting nearly $1 billion on the M4/M5 cashback subsidising these road tolls over the past ten years.”

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