Message from the Project Director

As the year draws to an end we are proud to look back on the achievements of 2013. Work has progressed well in many aspects of the project including concreting and asphalting, paving, bridge construction, installation of traffic barriers, noise walls, clearing and mulching. In the past few months, we have reached several milestones including the first section of new pavement being opened to live traffic and the bridge planks being erected as part of the Nuwarra Road Bridge work.

Work will stop for the holiday period to minimise disruption to residents and motorists. We urge motorists to stay safe during this busy time and follow all signage in place. Our aim is to get everyone home safely.

We would like to thank residents, businesses and motorists for their ongoing patience and support.

We wish you a wonderful festive season.

Richard Petaccia
Project Director, Lend Lease
M5 West Widening

Construction update

There is a wide range of construction activities under way across the 22 kilometre M5 West Widening project. More than 9.5 kilometres of new asphalt has been laid in the median and new work areas are being established in the road shoulders, allowing further excavation and earthworks to occur.

Noise wall construction and heightening work is under way in various areas. Residents may have noticed posts and brackets installed to heighten existing noise walls in some locations along the motorway.

In October and November, traffic was switched to the new median between Beech Road and Kurrajong Road. New shoulder work areas were also established between Gibson Avenue and Horsley Road.

Early in December, we will be connecting the new bridge deck to the existing deck at Nuwarra Road, a significant milestone in the project.

We would like to remind motorists the entire length of the M5 West Widening project from King Georges Road to Camden Valley Way is now zoned at 80km/h. Reduced 40km/h speed limits may apply during night work under traffic control. Sign posted speed limits will be enforced at all times.
New toll gantries on the M5 South West Motorway

As part of the M5 West Widening project and the transition to cashless tolling, Interlink Roads has invested $10 million to upgrade the tolling system on the M5 South West Motorway in order to replace the previous, ageing system. The new tolling system delivers updated and improved technology, and in conjunction with the conversion to cashless tolling, delivers benefits to motorists and nearby residents including:

• New capabilities for accurate and reliable measurement of vehicles
• Consistency with other new tolling systems across the Sydney Motorway network
• Less disruption to traffic during maintenance
• A more efficient trip, with no stopping to pay the toll
• Reduced noise for nearby residents
• Environmental benefits by reducing vehicle emissions due to less stopping and starting on the motorway and ramps
• Safer merges on the motorway by increasing heavy vehicle acceleration lengths on the tolled ramps.

The new tolling system also allows for the areas around the existing tolling infrastructure to be widened to three lanes as part of the M5 West Widening project. The design of the new tolling gantries features a walkway through the top of the gantry, allowing for maintenance to be carried out inside the gantry without disruption to traffic.

New toll gantry near the old Hammondville Toll Plaza

Old toll gantry infrastructure to be demolished at Henry Lawson Drive off ramp

FOUR MONTH LOOK AHEAD

• Clearing vegetation
• Constructing sediment basins
• Fibre optic and electrical works
• Establishing new work areas in the road shoulders of the motorway
• Excavating and stabilising work in the median and road shoulders
• Constructing noise walls
• Service relocation and drainage works
• Asphalt and pavement works
• Bridge concreting works
• Line marking
• Re-aligning traffic lanes and placing temporary and permanent traffic barriers
• Toll gantry modifications
• Constructing permanent median barriers
• Variable message sign and closed circuit television camera installation work.

DECEMBER 2013 - MARCH 2014
Community day

On 30 September 2013, the M5 West Widening project team participated in its second annual community day initiative. These days provide an opportunity to give back to the local areas in which we live and work.

This year three projects were organised with Panania North Public School, Hammondville Public School and the Australian Red Cross blood service.

Lend Lease employees from the M5 West Widening project team were proud to offer their help at Panania North Public School. The team painted the senior boys and girls bathrooms, delivered and distributed mulch from the M5 West Widening project for the garden beds, line marked new hand ball courts and built a large pathway for the students to use through the gardens and bush area.

At Hammondville Public School, two clean water drains were installed to facilitate drainage and stop flooding of the school yard and adjacent properties.

Fourteen employees visited the Australian Red Cross Blood Service at Liverpool to donate blood and plasma. One in three people will need blood or blood products in their lifetime. One single donation can save three lives, which means our group donation on the community day potentially saved 42 lives.

Community days are about forging strong community partnerships, applying Lend Lease manpower and skills where they are most needed and supporting communities.

Snake awareness

The recent warm weather has seen an increase in snakes around our local area. They require food, water and shelter just like most animals. Always be mindful especially when working in the yard, wear long pants, thick socks and sturdy boots and always use gloves when doing anything in the garden.

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<td>Keep all grasses low and avoid close root, ground hugging plants</td>
<td>DO NOT wash or suck a bite, it can prevent accurate venom identification readings</td>
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<td>Keep wood piles away from the house and elevate off the ground where possible</td>
<td>Rest and reassure casualty</td>
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<td>Reduce rubbish in the back yard</td>
<td>Call 000</td>
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<td>Close any gaps in fence lines with snake and mouse mesh (5mm gauge mesh available from hardware stores)</td>
<td>Bandage firmly to slow spread of venom, mark the bite site on the bandage</td>
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<td>Keep compost in bins, without any gaps for rodents to get into.</td>
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Keeping you informed

The M5 West Widening team is committed to keeping you informed and we understand you need relevant and up-to-date information about ongoing work. The community relations team is here to respond to inquiries and provide information. Latest work notifications and events are always posted on the project website: www.m5westwidening.com.au and the team can always be contacted by:

- 1800 986 933 (toll free)
- PO Box 21 Moorebank NSW 1875
- info@m5westwidening.com.au
Project milestones

During nightshift in early October, planks were erected as part of the Nuwarra Bridge construction at Hammondville. This work required a 200 tonne crane, lane closures and several truck deliveries. We would like to thank our neighbours for their patience and cooperation while this work was carried out.

In late September, the first section of new pavement was completed and open to live traffic between Beech Road and Kurrajong Road. This was then followed by the opening of the newly paved area between Gibson Avenue and Horsley Road. By the end of the year, we are scheduled to complete a full traffic switch between the Hume Highway and Beech Road, Prestons. Motorists will notice they will be driving on newly asphalted lanes.

Holiday shutdown

The M5 West Widening project will have a temporary shutdown during the holiday period. Our last day of construction will be Friday 20 December 2013 and we will return to work on Monday 6 January 2014.

All posted speed limits will continue to apply during this time. We thank the community for their patience throughout construction and wish all a safe and happy festive season.

Fire safety

Carelessly discarded cigarette butts are a frequent cause of fires. The M5 West Widening team would like to remind all motorists to be mindful of fire safety during the summer months. Never dispose of cigarette butts by throwing them out of windows. Please keep the community safe and our environment litter-free.

Translating and Interpreting Service

If you need an interpreter, please call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on 131 450 and ask them to telephone the Community Information Line on 1800 986 933.

Arabic
إذا كنت بحاجة إلى مترجم، الاتصال بالخدمة الأرضية (TIS National) على الرقم 131 450.

Cantonese
若有需要口譯員，請致電 131 450 聯絡翻譯和口譯服務署 (TIS National)，要求他們撥電 1800 986 933 聯絡。

Mandarin
如果你需要口译员，请致电 131 450 联系翻译和口译服务署 (TIS National)。要求他们拨打 1800 986 933 联系。

Greek
Αν χρειάζεστε διερμηνέα, παρακαλείστε να τηλεφωνήσετε στην Υπηρεσία Μετάφρασης και Διερμηνείας (Εθνική Υπηρεσία TIS) στο 131 450 και ζητήστε να τηλεφωνήσουν στο 1800 986 933.

Italian
Se desiderate l’assistenza di un interprete, prego telefonare al Servizio Interpreti e Traduttori (TIS National) al 131 450 chiedendo di contattare al 1800 986 933.

Korean
동역사가 필요한하시면 번역통역서비스 (TIS National)에 131 450으로 연락하여 아름바이 1800 986 933 번으로 연락하시길 바랍니다.

Vietnamese
Nếu cần thông ngôn viên, xin quý vị gọi cho Dịch Vụ Thông Phòng Dịch (TIS Toàn Quốc) qua số 131 450 và nhờ họ gọi cho qua số 1800 986 933.