

Appendix A
Terms of Reference
for the Bells Line of Road Long Term Strategic Corridor Plan

BELLS LINE OF ROAD CORRIDOR LONG TERM STRATEGIC CORRIDOR PLAN

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Purpose:

The NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA), on behalf of the NSW and Australian Governments, is to prepare a *Long Term Strategic Corridor Plan* for the Bells Line of Road corridor. The *Long Term Strategic Corridor Plan* will guide the development and reservation of a road corridor for a future upgraded Bells Line of Road. Although current projections indicate that a major upgrade of Bells Line of Road is not expected to be required until at least 2033, it is appropriate that planning for this corridor progresses now for the future.

Background:

Due to urban expansion and land use changes in north-western Sydney there is a long term strategic requirement to reserve a future road corridor between Bells Line of Road and the Sydney Motorway Network.

Two recent studies that consider the need for an upgrade of Bells Line of Road are:

- Central West Transport Needs Study, SKM 2009
- Bells Line of Road Corridor Study, SKM 2004

While the findings from these studies have concluded that a substantial upgrade of Bells Line of Road is not warranted in the short to medium term on economic, social and environmental grounds; the studies have confirmed that long term strategic planning is required for the Bells Line of Road corridor, in particular considering land use pressures from urban expansion in north-western Sydney.

Approach:

The Bells Line of Road *Long Term Strategic Corridor Plan* will be developed through extensive consultation with local communities and stakeholders about the future of the Bells Line of Road corridor. A community involvement plan will be formulated for implementation as the study progresses.

The Bells Line of Road *Long Term Strategic Corridor Plan* will cover three sections:

- Eastern Section – from Bells Line of Road near Kurrajong Heights to the Sydney Motorway Network.
- Central Section – from Kurrajong Heights to Bell.
- Western Section – from Bell to the Great Western Highway.

Roles and Responsibilities:

Refer to the governance structure in Schedule 1.

Tasks:

The following will be carried out as part of developing the *Long Term Strategic Corridor Plan*:

- a) Identify the short, medium and long term functional needs and objectives for the Bells Line of Road corridor taking into account expected future transport requirements and land use.
- b) Through community consultation and strategic investigations, identify constraints, values and opportunities along the Bells Line of Road corridor.
- c) Identify strategic corridor opportunities and provide commentary on potential options for the future upgrade of the Bells Line of Road corridor.
- d) Provide recommendations on the process to identify and select preferred corridors and the undertaking of interim tasks.

Outputs:

Outputs of the investigations will consist of a community involvement plan and a *Long Term Strategic Corridor Plan*.

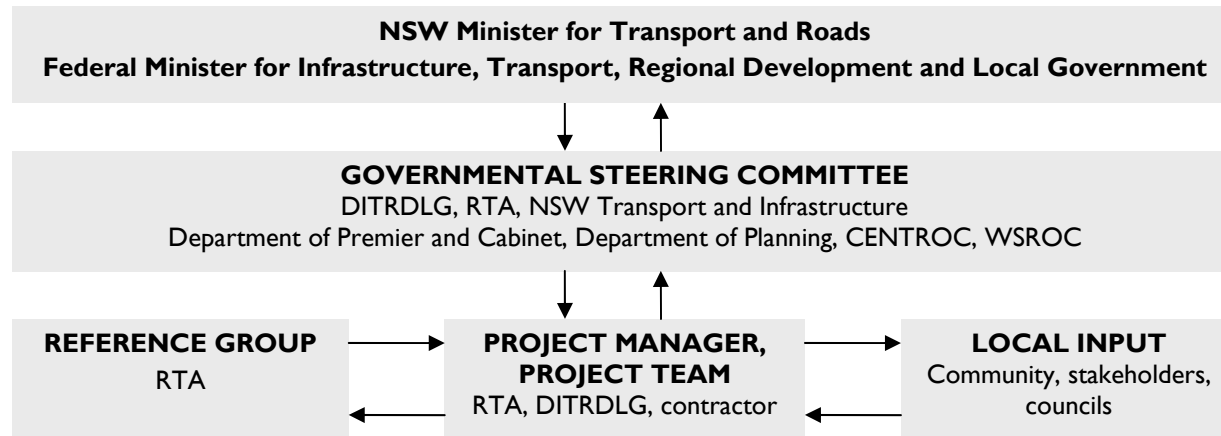
The *Long Term Strategic Corridor Plan* will include:

- Outline of the study methodology.
- Summary of findings from relevant past studies pertaining to the Bells Line of Road corridor.
- Forecast traffic growth along the route (25 year horizon).
- Identified priorities for the development of the Bells Line of Road corridor.
- Identification of broad options that meet long term corridor requirements, project objectives and project design standards.
- Summary of additional work required.
- Schedule of tasks for selection of a preferred corridor.
- Recommended timeframe for further development.
- Recommended sequencing of implementation.

Timeframe:

Completion of a final-draft *Long Term Strategic Corridor Plan* for Steering Committee consideration is required within 18 months of commissioning a contractor to assist in the study.

Schedule 1. Governance structure



Role	Members	Responsibility/ input
Governmental Steering Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (DITRD LG) • Roads and Traffic Authority • NSW Transport and Infrastructure • NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet • NSW Department of Planning • Central NSW Councils (CENTROC) • Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (WSROC) 	Review progress in accordance with Terms of Reference and provide guidance as required. Ensure Ministers and Councils are kept informed.
Reference Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RTA 	Provide direction, resources and Departmental approval.
Project Manager, Project Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads and Traffic Authority • Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government • Professional Services Contractor 	Project management, liaise with stakeholders, and undertake project studies. Provide secretariat to Governmental Steering Committee. Manage contractors. Oversee community consultation.
Local input	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community, stakeholders, councils 	The Bells Line of Road <i>Long Term Strategic Corridor Plan</i> will be developed through extensive consultation with local communities and stakeholders about the future of the road.