Community Consultation Report - M12 Motorway shortlisted route options, and The Northern Road Upgrade Stage 4 preliminary design and access strategy

The Australian and NSW governments are proposing to build a new motorway and upgrade The Northern Road as part of the $3.6 billion Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan.

M12 Motorway
The proposed M12 Motorway would provide direct access to the planned western Sydney airport at Badgerys Creek and connect to Sydney’s motorway network. It would provide increased road capacity and reduce congestion and travel times in the future. It would also improve the movement of freight in and through western Sydney and is expected to serve the Western Sydney Priority Growth Area and the South West Priority Land Release Area.

Key features of the proposed M12 Motorway:
- Built for up to six lanes with a central median to separate opposing traffic flows
- New at grade connection to The Northern Road
- A grade separated interchange at the planned western Sydney airport
- A motorway-to-motorway interchange at the M7 Motorway
- An off-road shared path for pedestrians and cyclists.

The Northern Road Upgrade Stage 4
The Northern Road Upgrade Stage 4 is about 11km from Mersey Road, Bringelly to Littlefields Road, Luddenham. This upgrade would realign the section of The Northern Road around the planned western Sydney airport site and Luddenham town centre.

Key features of the proposed road upgrade include:
- Diverting The Northern Road to the east of Luddenham, close to the planned western Sydney airport site boundary
- Widening from two lanes to a six lane divided road (two general traffic lanes and a kerbside bus lane in each direction), with a wide median to allow for an additional lane in each direction if required in the future
- Providing kerbside bus lanes and bus priority lanes at traffic lights where required
- Providing a continuous bypass to access the Luddenham town centre
• Installing new traffic lights and turning lanes at some intersections
• Providing a new shared path for pedestrians and cyclists on the western side of the road and a new footpath on the eastern side of the road
• Installing new street lighting, particularly at intersections
• Providing for a future connection with the proposed M12 Motorway.

In February and March 2016 Roads and Maritime Services sought comments from the community and stakeholders on the eight shortlisted route options for the proposed M12 Motorway and the preliminary design and access strategy for part of the alignment of The Northern Road Stage 4 Upgrade. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to consider the display materials and provided feedback.

Following a review of the comments, we have prepared a Community Consultation Report which summarises the feedback and the responses from Roads and Maritime. A copy of this report is available at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/wsip.

What happens next?
The feedback provided by the community and other stakeholders during the consultation period will be considered in the selection of the preferred route corridor for the M12 Motorway and final design for part of the alignment of The Northern Road Upgrade Stage 4.

The preferred route corridor for the M12 Motorway will be announced in mid-2016.

More information on the northern part of The Northern Road Upgrade Stage 4 alignment (north of Adams Road) will be available in mid-2016.

Contact
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Thank you for your contribution to these important projects.