M12 Motorway
Between the M7 Motorway, Cecil Hills and The Northern Road, Luddenham
July 2015

Roads and Maritime Services, on behalf of the Australian and NSW governments, is proposing to build a new motorway providing direct access to the planned western Sydney airport at Badgerys Creek and connecting to Sydney’s motorway network. A public display is now being carried out for a study area identified by Roads and Maritime for the proposed motorway. We are accepting feedback on the proposed motorway until Friday 14 August 2015.

What is being proposed?
The proposal is for an east-west motorway of about 14km between the M7 Motorway and The Northern Road which 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 South West Growth Centre and the Broader Western Sydney Employment Area (BWSEA).

We are in the early planning stage for the new motorway and we know the importance of involving the community in its development. We want to engage early with the community and our stakeholders to gather feedback which will be considered in our decision making and help with planning and design.

We have provided a map of the study area for the proposed motorway and will be holding information sessions, to help explain our proposal and provide us with feedback.

Background
The M12 Motorway is one of the major projects being developed as part of the Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan (WSIP). The Australian and NSW governments are jointly funding this 10 year, $3.6 billion investment program for western Sydney. The Plan will deliver major road infrastructure upgrades to support an integrated transport solution for the region and capitalise on the economic benefits from developing residential and employment areas, and the planned western Sydney airport at Badgerys Creek.
Study area

This map shows the study area for the proposed M12 Motorway. We will be carrying out desktop studies and site investigations to develop a number of possible route options within this area.

Environmental and social constraints will be considered when looking at possible routes. However, it is expected that the route would generally be parallel to Elizabeth Drive so it provides easy access to the proposed airport site.

Where practical, Elizabeth Drive would remain and continue to provide local access for road users.
Benefits

The proposed M12 will aim to:

• Provide direct access from the M7 to the planned western Sydney airport at Badgerys Creek, and from the M4 via The Northern Road
• Improve access to the South West Growth Centre and BWSEA
• Increase road capacity for future growth and development
• Improve traffic safety for road users
• Increase pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure
• Improve road freight movement to key commercial centres
• Reduce the cost of congestion impacts to the community and business.

Features

Key features of the proposed M12 will be:

• A motorway built for up to six lanes with a wide central median to separate opposing traffic flows
• Grade separated interchanges at The Northern Road and at the planned western Sydney airport
• A motorway-to-motorway interchange at the M7
• Off-road shared pedestrian and cyclist paths.

Project details will be updated as the project progresses.

What we do and how you can be involved

When developing the proposed M12 there are many steps from planning to construction that may take several years.

During the development process there are key decisions to be made about the most appropriate route, design, the environmental impacts and construction approach. Throughout this development process, we will ask the community and stakeholders to help us by providing feedback.

For the proposed M12, we have identified the best general location and mapped out the study area to help us develop several possible route options. Community feedback on the study area will help guide the development of possible options.

Once the possible route options are developed, we will seek feedback from the community for the options we consider feasible. This feedback will help when selecting a preferred route option.

When we have selected a preferred route we will develop a preliminary design and ask for feedback again. These comments will be considered when developing the concept design.

The main difference between the preliminary design stage and the concept design stage is the amount of detail provided. Where preliminary designs may focus on location, number of lanes, access points and the project’s footprint, the concept design provides more detail including lane and intersection configurations, bridge structures, drainage, and how the motorway is likely to look and function.

The concept design stage requires a number of studies to inform the design and consider the impacts the proposed motorway may have. Investigation work and studies may include, but are not limited to, flora and fauna, Aboriginal and European heritage, noise, flooding and urban design.

These studies will inform the environmental assessment, called an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which outlines the possible impacts of the M12 and the proposed mitigation measures. The proposed motorway design and EIS will be publicly displayed and made available for community feedback through the Department of Planning and Environment. Comments and information received will be considered and addressed in a submissions report. Any changes required from the feedback received during the EIS display are made at this point.

Once the Minister for Planning approves our proposal including the proposed motorway design and EIS, the motorway is able to proceed to construction.

We have included a next steps flowchart to help explain the process and where we are in the lifecycle of this project.
Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan

- **The Northern Road and Erskine Park Road intersection upgrade studies $1.1 million**
- **Werrington Arterial Road** $70 million Construction started 2015
- **M12 Motorway** $1.2 billion In planning
- **Ross Street / Great Western Highway intersection upgrade $5 million In planning**
- **Diversion of The Northern Road**
- **The Northern Road upgrade $1.6 billion**
- **Argyle Street/Camden Valley Way corridor upgrade and studies $2.3 million**
- **Wetherill Street upgrade $8.2 million**
- **Cumberland Highway intersection upgrades $5.8 million**
- **Bringelly Road upgrade $509 million Construction started 2015**
- **Brigelly Road**
- **Eagle Vale Drive upgrade $17.5 million**
- **Local Roads Package** $200 million (Australian Government funded)
- **LEGEND**
  - Local Roads Package
  - Major road projects
  - Route to be determined

**61 km** of new and upgraded roads

**$3.6 billion** investment in major transport infrastructure

**4000** direct and indirect jobs over 10 years

**Transform the local economy**

**Improve the efficient movement of state and national freight**

**Provide opportunities for improved public transport**

**Make Western Sydney an even better place to live and do business**

*Total length amended due to confirmation of The Northern Road scope of work*
Have your say

Roads and Maritime recognises the importance of involving the community in the development of M12 Motorway. The proposal is on display and can be viewed at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/wsip.

We welcome your comments by Friday 14 August.

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Community information sessions

We will host six community information sessions about this proposal and other WSIP projects. We have also invited other government agencies with projects nearby to attend. The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development will be there to discuss the planned western Sydney airport at Badgerys Creek.

The WSIP project team will be available to answer questions and receive feedback on the proposal. A formal presentation will not be given, so please feel free to drop in at any time during these information sessions.

1. Wednesday 22 July, 4pm – 8pm
   Penrith Anglican College gymnasium
   338-356 Wentworth Road, Orchard Hills

2. Saturday 25 July, 12pm – 3pm
   Bringelly Community Centre
   5 Greendale Road, Bringelly

3. Wednesday 29 July, 3pm – 7pm
   Holy Family Primary School hall
   Lot 32 Willowdene Avenue, Luddenham

4. Saturday 1 August, 11am – 2pm
   Glenmore Park Youth and Community Centre
   Luttrell Street (off Town Terrace), Glenmore Park

5. Thursday 6 August, 3pm – 7pm
   Kemps Creek Public School hall
   100 Cross Street, Kemps Creek

6. Saturday 8 August, 12pm – 3pm
   Holy Family Primary School hall
   Lot 32 Willowdene Avenue, Luddenham

What are the next steps?

EARLY PLANNING STAGE

INVESTIGATE POTENTIAL ROUTE OPTIONS

INVITE COMMUNITY COMMENTS ON POTENTIAL ROUTE OPTIONS

SELECT PREFERRED ROUTE OPTION

INVITE COMMUNITY COMMENTS ON PRELIMINARY ROAD DESIGN

UNDERTAKE ROAD DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

INVITE COMMUNITY COMMENTS ON PROPOSED ROAD DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

PROJECT APPROVAL

START CONSTRUCTION

Further information and feedback

For more information about the proposal, or to provide feedback, please contact the project team:

Phone: 1800 703 457 (toll free)

Web: More information including a short animation is available on our website

Stakeholder list: Send us an email to sign up and ensure you receive up-to-date information.

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