M12 Motorway

Display of proposed study area

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1. About the project

What is happening?
Roads and Maritime Services is developing a proposal for an east-west motorway about 14km long between the M7 Motorway, Cecil Hills and The Northern Road, Luddenham. This will be called the M12 Motorway.

Key features of the M12 Motorway will include:

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

We are in the early planning stage for the new motorway and we know the importance of involving the community in its development. Roads and Maritime is seeking feedback from the community and stakeholders until **Friday 14 August 2015**. Comments will be considered in developing the proposal. There will also be further opportunities for the community and stakeholders to provide comments as Roads and Maritime continue planning this project.

Why is it needed?
The M12 Motorway is one of the major projects being developed as part of the $3.6 billion Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan. The Motorway will provide direct access to a western Sydney airport at Badgerys Creek and connect to Sydney’s motorway network.

The M12 is expected to increase road capacity, provide more reliable travel times and reduce congestion in the future. It would also improve the movement of freight and serve the South West Growth Centre and the Broader Western Sydney Employment Area.
Where will it be located?
It is expected that the route will generally run parallel to Elizabeth Drive so it provides easy access to the western Sydney airport site.

What will be the impacts on Elizabeth Drive?
Where practical, Elizabeth Drive will remain and it will continue to provide local access for road users.

Where is the proposal up to?
Roads and Maritime has identified a study area for the proposed M12 and we are currently seeking feedback during the display period. At this stage we are carrying out desktop studies and site investigations to develop a number of possible route options within this area, taking into consideration environmental and social constraints.

The study area is now on display and Roads and Maritime is seeking feedback from the community and stakeholders to help guide the development of possible options. Comments are invited until Friday 14 August 2015.

What is the Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan?
The Australian and NSW governments are funding a 10 year, $3.6 billion road investment program for western Sydney. The Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan will deliver major road infrastructure upgrades to support an integrated transport solution for the region and capitalise on the economic benefits from developing a western Sydney airport at Badgerys Creek. The Plan provides improved road transport capacity ahead of future traffic demand, as planned residential and employment development takes place in the South West Growth Centre precincts and the Broader Western Sydney Employment Area. This work will transform the region’s economy and make western Sydney an even better place to live and do business.

What other roads are being upgraded in the Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan?
The Plan includes:

- Upgrading The Northern Road in four stages to a minimum of four lanes between Narellan and Jamison Road, Penrith
- Building a new M12 Motorway to a western Sydney airport site between the M7 Motorway, Cecil Hills and The Northern Road, Luddenham
- Upgrading Bringelly Road to a minimum of four lanes between The Northern Road and Camden Valley Way. Construction started in January 2015
- Building the Werrington Arterial Road by upgrading Kent Road and Gipps Street to four lanes between the Great Western Highway and at the M4 Motorway, including two new east facing ramps on the M4 Motorway. Construction started March 2015
- Upgrading the intersection of Ross Street and the Great Western Highway, Glenbrook
- A $200 million package for local roads upgrades (Australian Government funded).

Will this mean more reliable travel times?
The Plan provides improved road transport capacity ahead of future traffic demand, as residential and employment development takes place in the South West Growth Centre precincts and the Broader Western Sydney Employment Area.

While there may be some initial improvements in travel time, one of the aims of this project is to provide road users with more reliable travel times in the future.
How is Roads and Maritime going to manage so much construction in the area?
The projects are being delivered in stages and work will be coordinated to help minimise disruption to road users. Every effort will be made to minimise inconvenience. Motorists and the community will be notified of changed traffic conditions before work is carried out.

2. Timing

When will the M12 Motorway be built?
Construction of the proposed M12 Motorway is subject to environmental approval however it is forecast to start about 2020 and be complete in the mid 2020s.

3. Property

Will there be any property acquisition?
The extent of any property acquisition is subject to route option and environmental assessment and will not be known for at least two years. Roads and Maritime will contact affected property owners during the concept design period. Further information about land acquisition is available on the Roads and Maritime website rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/projects/factsheet-land-acquisition-information-guide.pdf.

4. Have your say

How do I make a comment on the proposed project?
Roads and Maritime recognises the importance of involving the community and welcomes your feedback by Friday 14 August 2015. Feedback can be provided by our online feedback form, email, letter or attendance at a community information session.

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

Email: wsip@rms.nsw.gov.au
Mail: M12 Motorway, WSIP
Roads and Maritime Services
PO Box 973 Parramatta NSW 2124
Phone: 1800 703 457 (toll free) during business hours.

Stakeholder list: Send us an email to sign up and make sure you get up-to-date information.

5. More information

What happens next?
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.

The preliminary and concept designs and environmental assessment will be prepared with more opportunities for the community to provide feedback in the future. As the design develops, it will include more detail about environmental and property impacts.

Construction of the proposal would be planned and carried out subject to environmental approval from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.
How will my feedback be used?
Roads and Maritime will carefully consider all community feedback on the proposed study area and use it to guide future decision making.

Where can I find out more information?
The study area can be viewed at rms.nsw.gov.au/wsip

Roads and Maritime invites comments on the proposal by Friday 14 August 2015 via a feedback form and reply paid envelope, email, letter or attendance at a community information session.

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 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.

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

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

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

Thursday 6 August, 3pm – 7pm
Kemps Creek Public School Hall
100 Cross Street, Kemps Creek

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

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

Who do I contact to discuss the project?
For further information about the M12 Motorway please contact the project team on 1800 703 457 (toll free) during business hours or email wsip@rms.nsw.gov.au. More information is also available on the Roads and Maritime website at: rms.nsw.gov.au/wsip