Roads and Maritime Services is planning to improve the intersection of Mona Vale Road with Ponderosa Parade and Samuel Street at Mona Vale.

The NSW Government has fully funded this $1.5 million project under its $246 million Pinch Point Program which aims to reduce delays, relieve congestion and create more consistent travel times on Sydney’s main roads particularly during week day peak periods.

The work would improve traffic flow by widening Mona Vale Road to two lanes westbound from Foley Street through the Ponderosa Parade roundabout and to two lanes eastbound through the roundabout. The work would also provide a safe opportunity for cars to pass heavy vehicles before the steep grade to the west of the Mona Vale Road/Ponderosa Parade roundabout.

Parking restrictions along Mona Vale Road would also be implemented and a hardstand area for police enforcement would be provided on the northern side of Mona Vale Road, to the west of the Ponderosa Parade roundabout. To help you better understand this project, we have included a diagram.

Proposed tree removal
Roads and Maritime engaged an arborist to assess the potential impact of the road work on a number of trees. The arborist assessed 171 trees of which 100 trees are proposed to be retained with tree protection measures put in place. The remaining 71 trees are proposed to be removed. The 71 trees to be removed include:

- Five trees will not be impacted by the proposed road works, however they are structurally unstable
- Another 25 semi-mature trees were burnt in 2013 as a result of a road crash and need to be removed
- Five planted Hills Figs are proposed to be relocated

Roads and Maritime will work closely with Pymble Council to determine where these will go.

Roads and Maritime will engage an arborist to be onsite to assess the trees during removal. Roads and Maritime will also work closely with Pymble Council to plan for the removal of trees and landscape improvements as part of the future upgrade.

Work to upgrade the intersection is expected to start in June 2014 and would take about five months, weather permitting. Roads and Maritime has contracted DownerMouchel to deliver this project which would include:

- Road widening and resurfacing
- Adding an additional lane on the roundabout
- Relocating the westbound bus stop closer to the roundabout
- Relocating two light poles and removing one unused power pole
- Removing trees, trimming tree branches and new landscaping
- New signage, line marking and safety barrier
- Relocating utilities
- Removing the two hour restricted parking bays on both sides of Mona Vale Road, outside the cemetery and near the existing bus stop, to improve safety

To minimise the disruption to traffic, work would be carried out during the day and at night.
**Northern Beaches Hospital road upgrades**

Roads and Maritime is working to develop road upgrades to improve traffic flow and increase capacity on the road network in time for the opening of the Northern Beaches Hospital in 2018. The hospital will be located close to Warringah Road, Forest Way and Wakehurst Parkway which are major arterial roads serving Sydney’s northern suburbs. The upgrades aim to provide customers with a better travelling experience and improve capacity on the road networks around the Hospital precinct.

Road widening, intersection upgrades, new pedestrian bridges and bus priority lanes are all options being considered to ensure the road network operates effectively to service the new hospital and reduce congestion.

Roads and Maritime is working closely with Warringah Council, The Forest High School, the community, businesses and other stakeholders to understand concerns and investigate and plan for the upgrades. Roads and Maritime invited the public to drop in and ask questions at three community information sessions as part of the early consultation phase. The sessions were held in April. A combined 700 community members attended the three sessions to learn more about the project proposal, ask questions and provide their feedback.

Feedback in this early consultation phase will help inform the concept design for stage one of the road upgrades, and the stage two strategic design, which are due to go out for display later this year. Roads and Maritime will plan additional community information sessions to ensure the community is kept informed of the project’s progress.

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### Other road upgrades under way in Sydney’s northern suburbs

#### Northern Beaches Hospital road upgrades

Roads and Maritime is proposing to upgrade Mona Vale Road from two lanes to four lanes between Terrey Hills and Mona Vale. The upgrades are being planned in stages and are aimed at improving safety and traffic efficiency. The projects include:

- **Stage 1** – Intersection improvement of Mona Vale Road with Ponderosa Parade and Samuel Street, Mona Vale.
- **Stage 2** – Mona Vale Road East Upgrade: Upgrade of 3.2km of Mona Vale Road from two lanes to four lanes between Manor Road, Ingleside and Foley Street, Mona Vale.
- **Stage 3** – Mona Vale Road West upgrade: Upgrade of 3.2km of Mona Vale Road from two lanes to four lanes between McCarrs Creeks Road, Terrey Hills and Powder Works Road, Ingleside. The preferred route was announced in August 2013.

Complimented work and other projects – Work to improve safety on the approach to the Ponderosa Parade/Samuel Street roundabout was completed in January 2014. Work included new speed limit signs and improved line markings. Signs on the steep descent and warning signs.

Community comment on Mona Vale Road East and West upgrades will be held later this year.

#### Mona Vale Road upgrade

Roads and Maritime is proposing to upgrade Mona Vale Road at Mona Vale – Intersection improvement.

- To Ingleside

- Existing bus shelter

- Extended dual approach and departure lanes to Mona Vale Road / Ponderosa Parade / Samuel Street roundabout

- Additional circulating lane at roundabout

- Additional westbound through lane provided from Foley Street

- Paved hard and gutter

- Hills Fig trees to be relocated

- Hardstand enforcement bay

- Storage of materials

- Two hour restricted parking

- Proposal bus bay location

- Proposed bus lane

- Pavement overlay

- Pavement widening

- Burnt trees

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#### Mona Vale Road Clearways

The Sydney Clearways Strategy identified Mona Vale Road, from Pacific Highway, Pymble, to Kitchen Street, St Ives, as a priority project for the introduction of a clearway to manage congestion.

Roads and Maritime recently carried out consultation on a clearway proposal along Mona Vale Road in both directions on weekdays from 6am to 10am and 3pm to 7pm, and on weekends from 9am to 6pm. Community feedback on the proposal is currently being reviewed.

### Wakehurst Parkway

Roads and Maritime is investigating options to reduce the impact of flooding on Wakehurst Parkway in parallel with the planning for the Northern Beaches Hospital road upgrades.

Roads and Maritime is also planning to extend the southbound left turn lane for Wakehurst Parkway into Frenchs Forest Road to improve traffic flow and safety for all road users. Community feedback on the proposal is currently being sought up until Friday 13 June 2014. For further information on this project, please contact Sada Sadacharan on 02 9352 9551 or Sada.Sadacharan@rms.nsw.gov.au

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