Werrington Arterial Road – Stage 1 upgrade

Construction to start in early 2015 on vital upgrade of Gipps Street and Kent Road between the M4 Motorway and the Great Western Highway, Claremont Meadows

The Australian and NSW governments have provided $3.6 billion funding for the Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan to build roads to support the development of growth centres, employment and the proposed airport at Badgerys Creek.

As part of this 10 year road improvement program the governments are providing $70 million funding to build the Werrington Arterial Road Stage 1.

In 2012, Roads and Maritime displayed the design and the environmental assessment for this project with approval given in June 2013. We expect to start construction in early 2015 and finish in late 2016.

Benefits for the community

This upgrade will provide:

- Better access and network connections for motorists and road freight with the provision of new ramps from the M4 Motorway
- Improved travel times and reduce congestion through increased capacity from the additional lanes
- Improved safety for all road users through traffic lights with pedestrian crossings and separate turning lanes
- Improved and safer pedestrian and cycling facilities through the off road shared facilities.

In fact, for every dollar spent on the upgrade a return of 3.7 times the initial investment will be made through productivity gains.
Regional context
We have provided information in this newsletter about the Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan, which details the significant road improvement work being carried out in south western Sydney.

Key features
Work to be done to deliver this upgrade includes:
• Widening Gipps Street and Kent Road to four lanes between the M4 Motorway and the Great Western Highway
• Traffic lights on Kent Road at the intersection for the new entry ramp for eastbound motorists onto the M4 Motorway
• Traffic lights on Kent Road at the intersection for the new exit ramp for westbound motorists coming off the M4 Motorway
• Three intersection upgrades with traffic lights at Caddens Road, Sunflower Drive (both south and north connections to Gipps Street)
• A new three metre wide off-road shared path along the western side of Gipps Street and Kent Road for pedestrians and cyclists, including a new shared path bridge over the M4 Motorway
• Bicycle and pedestrian crossing provisions at traffic lights
• Six indented bus bays on both sides of Gipps Street and Kent Road
• Posted vehicle speeds of 70km/h south of Caddens Road*
• New line marking on the Kent Road Bridge to create two northbound lanes and one southbound lane
• Two metre wide shoulders
• Noise wall on the western side of Gipps Street between Caddens Road and the Great Western Highway.
• Roads and Maritime are currently reviewing the speed limit north of Caddens Road and expects to consult with the community on this proposal in April/May 2015.

Improvements to the project design
Roads and Maritime has made some improvements to the design for this upgrade. The project now includes a 3 metre to 3.5 metre high noise wall painted dark charcoal with transparent acrylic panels on the western side of Gipps Street.

This noise wall is part of noise mitigation measures for residents which we will install to help alleviate any potential noise increases due to changes in traffic volumes.

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What happens next?

COMMUNITY COMMENTS ON CONCEPT DESIGN AND REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

INCORPORATE COMMUNITY COMMENTS

PROJECT APPROVAL

DETAILED DESIGN

INVITE TENDERS

AWARD TENDERS AND START CONSTRUCTION

Looking south west at the existing Kent Road Bridge
Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan

Delivering growth, easing congestion and connecting communities

The Australian and NSW governments have announced a jointly funded 10 year road investment plan of more than $3.6 billion for Western Sydney. The plan will deliver major road infrastructure upgrades to provide an integrated transport solution for the region and capitalise on the economic benefits from developing the proposed airport at Badgerys Creek. This work will transform the region's economy and make Western Sydney an even better place to live and do business.

Did you know?
Western Sydney is Australia's third largest economy and in its own right would be Australia's fourth largest city. During the next 20 years, the region is expected to grow from two million to three million people, which is why the Australian and NSW governments are fast-tracking development of new and existing infrastructure. This plan of work builds on the Australian and NSW governments’ commitments to foster positive growth in Western Sydney through the delivery of WestConnex, the Moorebank intermodal freight terminal and construction of the North West and South West Rail Links.

Benefits
Key features of the plan

- Upgrade The Northern Road to a minimum of four lanes between Narellan and the M4 Motorway
- Build a new east-west motorway to the airport between the M7 Motorway and The Northern Road
- Upgrade Bringelly Road to a minimum of four lanes between The Northern Road and Camden Valley Way
- Build Werrington Arterial Road Stage 1 by widening Kent Road and Gipps Street to four lanes between the Great Western Highway and at the M4 Motorway at St Marys and build two new east facing ramps on the M4
- A $200 million package for local road upgrades (Australian Government funded).

Learn more about the Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan at [www.rms.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au) and provide your feedback via:

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**57 km**

of new and upgraded roads

**$3.6 billion**

investment in major transport infrastructure

**4000**

direct and indirect jobs per annum over the 10 years of the plan

**Improve**

the efficient movement of state and national freight

**Provide opportunities**

for improved public transport

**Transform**

the local economy

**Reduced**

travel times to Penrith, Liverpool and Campbelltown CBD precincts

**Make Western Sydney an even better place to live and do business**
Update on other projects in Sydney’s south west

**Bringelly Road Upgrade Stage 1**
Construction of Stage 1 between Camden Valley Way, Leppington and King Street, Rossmore commenced on 20 January 2015.

**The Northern Road Upgrade**
Tenders for Stage 1, from the Old Northern Road, Narellan to Peter Brock Drive, Oran Park, are expected to be awarded in mid-2015.

**Motorway between The Northern Road and the M7 Motorway**
Early planning has started for this motorway.

**Narellan Road Upgrade**
Construction of Stage 1 three lanes east-bound between the Hume Highway and Blaxland Road and upgrade of the UWS/TAFE intersection commenced on 23 July 2014.

Stage 2 of the Narellan Road upgrade between the Hume Motorway and Camden Valley Way and from the access road to the TAFE/University of Western Sydney at Campbelltown to the Blaxland Road/Gilchrist Drive intersection, Campbelltown is in detailed design.

Tenders for this work are expected to be released in the second-half of this year. Major work is expected to start in early 2016.
Local Roads Package
The Australian Government is also funding the Local Roads Package for Western Sydney. The $200 million package will enable the government to fund councils to deliver road improvement projects that support better local transport connections in Western Sydney.

The successful projects for Round One funding announced in late 2014 were:

- Cumberland Highway Intersection Upgrades – Fairfield City Council
- Wetherill Street Upgrade – Fairfield City Council
- Eagle Vale Drive Upgrade – Campbelltown City Council
- The Northern Road and Erskine Park Road Upgrade Identification – Penrith City Council
- Argyle St/Camden Valley Way Corridor Upgrade Stage 1 – Camden Council
- Argyle St/Camden Valley Way Corridor Upgrade – Stage 2 Identification – Camden Council
- Argyle St/Camden Valley Way Corridor Upgrade – Macarthur Road Intersection Scoping – Camden Council.

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