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\$12.1 BILLION PUBLIC TRANSPORT BUDGET

A staggering \$12.1 billion is budgeted for public transport infrastructure and services so the NSW Government can continue to deliver transformational mega projects, boost services, and provide the best experience for commuters.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian said, "The benefits from this massive investment will be seen around the state, no matter where you live. We want to ensure all communities receive their fair share."

"We are committed to making public transport better for everyone, no matter if you live in the city, the suburbs, or the bush."

Mr Perrottet said, "This is a huge win for the people of NSW. More public transport services and better facilities mean less time spent commuting and more time with family and friends.

"Our strong financial management has enabled us to invest in the roads, rail and ferries the people of NSW need."

Minister for Transport and Infrastructure Andrew Constance said, "we've already added a record 19,000 additional weekly public transport services since 2011, and this year we'll see that number grow to almost 24,000 with more services in places across NSW like Penrith, Campbelltown, North Rothbury and Nelson Bay."

Investment in the 'More Trains, More Services' program includes \$658 million for 24 brand new air-conditioned suburban trains and extra services across the train network.

More than \$2.8 billion will go to the revolutionary Sydney Metro Northwest and City and Southwest program, which will have the capacity to move 40,000 people around the city an hour.

Another \$1.4 billion will be invested in maintaining the Sydney Trains network, ensuring safe and reliable services for the 1.3 million customers that rely on it a day.

Mr Constance said the Government was matching Western Sydney's booming growth with \$25 million invested in planning and early work for Parramatta Light Rail, and \$10 million towards new Parramatta to Sydney CBD ferries.

"We're improving frequencies on key routes, setting up new routes and importantly building the new infrastructure to grow and improve public transport in this state," Mr Constance said.

Regional NSW is on track to seeing a new fleet of diesel XPT trains for our Regional fleet, with a \$25 million commitment to advance planning and industry engagement.

School bus safety in regional areas will be improved with an allocation of \$29 million to expand the installation of seatbelts to all regional and rural school buses.

NSW is again leading the country in public transport and infrastructure investment, which will transform the way we get around.

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