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RECORD TRANSPORT INVESTMENT TO BOOST JOBS AND DRIVE CERTAINTY FOR GREATER SYDNEY

The NSW Government has committed \$71.5 billion over four years to bolster its unprecedented transport infrastructure program, which will support more jobs, increase public transport services and reduce road congestion.

Minister for Transport and Roads Andrew Constance said the 2021-22 NSW Budget will continue the momentum for some of the most revolutionary transport projects and boost the NSW economy during COVID-19 recovery.

“We are delivering the largest transport infrastructure program this nation has ever seen investing billions into significant projects like WestConnex and Sydney Metro.”

“This year’s budget will see us build on this record investment with a further \$585 million for the Sydney Gateway project and a further \$286 million for the Warringah Freeway Upgrade enabling major construction to soon begin on these congestion busting projects.”

“As we continue to mitigate the impact of COVID-19, transport remains the engine room of job creation in NSW. Construction of the Sydney Gateway and Warringah Freeway Upgrade projects alone will see a further 4,600 jobs created for NSW adding to the already 130,000 construction roles Transport for NSW currently supports.”

Along with easing congestion on Sydney’s roads, this year’s budget will also see ongoing critical investment into delivering a future-proofed, well-connected and accessible public transport network. This includes \$3.1 billion to continue construction of the Sydney Metro City and Southwest, linking Chatswood and Bankstown, and \$2.9 billion to progress construction of Sydney Metro West.

“Whether it is in our CBD or across Western Sydney we have never before invested so much into job-creating transport infrastructure in NSW,” Mr Constance said.

“No matter how big, or how small, our investments are delivering tangible, on the ground benefits at a time when it is needed most.”

2021-22 State Budget highlights (Greater Sydney)

- \$2.9 billion in capital expenditure (\$12 billion over four years) to progress construction of Sydney Metro West, which will provide a faster, easier and more reliable journey between Westmead and the Sydney CBD
- \$1.2 billion in capital expenditure (\$1.9 billion over four years) to continue construction of the WestConnex Motorway including delivery of the final stages of the project, the M4-M5 link tunnels and Rozelle Interchange by 2023
- \$1.1 billion in capital expenditure (\$4.8 billion over four years) to commence construction on the Sydney Gateway project and the M6 Stage 1 Extension

- \$1.1 billion in capital expenditure (\$3.1 billion over four years) to continue implementation of the More Trains, More Services program for increased rail services including more frequent and additional services on the Illawarra, Airport and South Coast lines
- \$943 million in capital expenditure (\$8 billion over four years) for the planning and construction for the NSW and Commonwealth Government funded Sydney Metro - Western Sydney Airport to be completed in time for the opening of the airport
- \$899.7 million over the next four years, including \$201.4 million in 2021-22, for the Western Sydney Growth Roads program to accommodate population and employment growth in Western Sydney. Projects include:
 - Mulgoa Road upgrades (State and Federal funded)
 - The Horsley Drive, M7 motorway to Cowpasture Road
 - Memorial Avenue, Old Windsor Road to Windsor Road
 - Appin Road Improvements (Federal funded)
 - Spring Farm Parkway Stage 1
 - Mamre Road, M4 Motorway to Erskine Park Road
- \$627 million in capital expenditure for construction of Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 to support growth in Western Sydney by connecting new communities and places and help both locals and visitors move around and explore what the region has to offer
- \$454 million (\$6.3 billion over four years) to progress the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link program, including planning and preconstruction of a new crossing of Sydney Harbour and the upgrade of four kilometres of one of Australia's busiest roads, the Warringah Freeway
- \$269.4 million in capital expenditure (\$1.3 billion over four years) for NSW and Commonwealth Government funded road upgrades to support the new Western Sydney Airport at Badgerys Creek, including The Northern Road between Narellan and Penrith and the M12 Motorway
- \$202 million in capital expenditure (\$503.9 million over the next four years) for Pinch Points, including programs such as Gateway to the South and the recently announced State and Commonwealth Government's Pinch Point stimulus program
- \$45 million in capital expenditure (\$298.0 million over four years) to continue planning for the Fast Rail program to deliver faster connections between Sydney, Canberra, Bomaderry, Newcastle, the Central Coast and the Central West, and initial works including duplication of the line between Berry and Gerringong
- \$37 million in capital expenditure (\$242.4 million over the next four years) to continue planning the duplication of Heathcote Road between The Avenue and Princes Highway, start construction between Infantry Parade and The Avenue, and start early works for Woronora River Bridge

- \$30 million in capital expenditure (\$50 million over three years) for planning and preparation activities for Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 which would connect to Stage 1 and run north of the Parramatta River through the rapidly developing suburbs of Ermington, Melrose Park and Wentworth Point to Sydney Olympic Park
- \$14 million (\$115.6 million over four years) for the construction of Henry Lawson Drive widening between Tower Road, Georges Hall and Auld Avenue, Milperra (Stage 1A) to double capacity and reduce congestion and to continue the development of Stage 1B between Keys Parade and the M5 Motorway
- \$14 million in capital expenditure (\$44 million over the next 4 years), to plan for the duplication of Picton Road to improve safety and connectivity along as a key link for the Illawarra Region, South Coast, Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne
- \$9.5 million (\$11.7 million recurrent and \$2.6 million capital over two years) for the Skill and Employment Generation program to significantly increase the apprenticeship intake for trade skills across road and rail industry sectors, enhancing the graduate entry program and expansion of the Rail Skills Centre.

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