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WESTERN SYDNEY BIG WINNER IN LATEST ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

The NSW Government is committing \$700 million for construction and improvement to Western Sydney's road network, including major projects such as the Western Harbour Tunnel.

Minister for Metropolitan Roads Natalie Ward said the 2022-23 NSW Budget investment would build upon the Government's commitment to deliver transformative developments while upgrading existing infrastructure.

"The funding delivered today is all about investing in local communities, creating thousands of local jobs and delivering projects that will improve the daily lives of motorists," Mrs Ward said.

"Western Sydney is the heart of the NSW economy. We are investing to provide safer more reliable trips and cutting journey times to enable people to spend less time in the daily commute and more time with loved ones.

"One of the first actions of this government was to improve how Western Sydney is connected through WestConnex. This budget is about connecting motorists to our major roads with \$614 million over next four years in State and Commonwealth funding for the Mulgoa Road upgrade."

The Government's commitment to Western Sydney includes:

- \$866 million in capital expenditure (\$1.2 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
- \$206 million in capital expenditure (\$1.2 billion over four years) for NSW and Commonwealth Government-funded road upgrades to support the Western Sydney Airport at Badgerys Creek, including The Northern Road between Narellan and Penrith, and the M12 Motorway
- \$31 million (\$614 million over four years) of State and Commonwealth government funding for the Mulgoa Rd Upgrade Stages 1, 2, 5A and 5B
- \$2.6 million (\$223 million over four years) of State and Commonwealth Government funding for M5 Motorway - Moorebank Avenue - Hume Highway Intersection Upgrade
- \$10 million (\$50 million over three years) of State and Commonwealth Government funding for Richmond Road Stage 1 - Elara Boulevard to Heritage Road, Marsden Park

Mrs Ward said this year's Budget included key investments in roads right across Greater Sydney. "The ultimate goal of our roads infrastructure program is to make it easier for people to move around the network safely and in as little time as possible," Mrs Ward said.

"This budget is about looking at the other projects that are required across Sydney, making it easier for motorists to get to and from work and ensuring parents have more time to get their kids to sport on the weekend."

Additional infrastructure commitments for wider Sydney include:

- \$1.5 billion in capital expenditure (\$3.7 billion over four years) to continue construction of the Sydney Gateway project and M6 Stage 1 Extension
- \$557 million (\$4.1 billion over four years) to progress the Western Harbour Tunnel
- \$116 million in capital expenditure (\$357 million over four years) for pinch points
- \$79 million in capital expenditure (\$243 million over 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
- \$17 million (\$108 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 continue development of Stage 1B between Keys Parade and the M5 Motorway
- \$12 million (\$124 million over four years) for the Epping Station Bridge Widening
- \$25 million (\$340 million over four years) for the Mona Vale Road West Project
- \$40 million (\$150 million over three years) for Wakehurst Parkway
- \$30 million (\$144 million over four years) for King Georges Road Stage 1 and 2a
- \$74 million (\$243 million over three years) for Prospect Highway, Reservoir Road to St Martins Crescent widening
- \$4 million (\$32 million over three years) for the Jervis Bay Road Intersection (State and Commonwealth funded)

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