Public feedback called for on M2 upgrade and South West Rail Link projects

Plans for two major transport infrastructure projects in Sydney – the M2 Motorway upgrade and construction of the South West Rail Link to Leppington – have been placed on exhibition for public comment.

Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly said “The two proposals are currently under assessment by the Department of Planning and both have been placed on public exhibition until Monday 21 June.”

Mr Kelly said public feedback was a key component of the assessment process, particularly for major infrastructure projects such as these which have relevance to a broad cross-section of Sydney transport users.

“Clearly there will be a lot of Sydney commuters who will have an interest in these projects and I encourage all interested members of the community to have their say,” Mr Kelly said.

“The feedback received from the public plays an important part in the Department’s assessment process and is given careful consideration alongside the input from councils and other relevant government agencies.

“The proponents will be required to respond to all issues raised in the submissions received and this response will also be made publicly available on the Department’s website.

“This is a unique aspect of the Part 3A major projects system, which is designed to deal with complex projects of this nature, particularly where they cross council boundaries and are of broad regional or even statewide significance.

“These two projects clearly fall into that category,” Mr Kelly.

Details of both projects, exhibition locations and how to make a submission can be found on the Department of Planning’s website at http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au

Both projects are identified in the NSW Government’s Metropolitan Transport Plan for Sydney, which is also currently on exhibition for public comment.

M2 Motorway Upgrade

The RTA proposal to widen the existing motorway along 14.5 kilometres of its length includes, amongst other things:
Widening and/or provision of a third lane along sections of the eastbound and westbound carriageways between Windsor Road and Lane Cove Road; 
Provision of new on/off ramps at Windsor Road, Christie Road and Herring Road; 
Widening and/or provision of a third lane in the Norfolk Tunnel; and 
Various intersection upgrades.

South West Rail Link

The Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation proposes to construct and operate approximately 11 kilometres of rail track between Glenfield and Leppington, including:

- New stations at Edmondson Park and Leppington (including associated bus interchanges, commuter car parks and bicycle facilities);
- A train stabling facility at Rossmore;
- The Glenfield Southern Flyover near Bunbury Curran Creek; and
- Associated overhead wiring and ancillary infrastructure.

A concept plan for the overall South West Rail Link project was approved by the then Minister for Planning in 2007, with construction of the Glenfield Transport Interchange, including a multi-storey commuter car park, already underway.

The current project application which is being placed on exhibition will, if approved, allow construction and operation of the remaining components approved under the concept plan as outlined above.