Tuesday, 8 September 2015

**Have your say on the WestConnex M4 East upgrade and extension**

The NSW Government has extended the WestConnex M4 East public exhibition period to ensure the community has sufficient time to provide feedback on the Environment Impact Statement (EIS).

The WestConnex M4 East EIS will be on extended public display for comment from tomorrow (9 September 2015) for 45 days, exceeding the normal 30 day exhibition period required under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The Department of Planning and Environment is keen to hear the community’s views on the application, which seeks approval for road upgrades, tunnel construction and associated works, including:

- Widening of the M4 Motorway between Homebush Bay Drive at Homebush West and Underwood Road and North Strathfield;
- two 5.5 kilometre three-lane tunnels extending from west of Underwood Road at North Strathfield to near Alt Street at Haberfield;
- Upgrades to the existing Homebush Bay Drive Interchange to connect the western end of the tunnels to the existing M4 and Homebush Bay Drive;
- An on-ramp at Powells Creek, west of George Street at North Strathfield to provide access to the M4 westbound;
- interchanges at Concord Road at North Strathfield/Concord, Wattle Street (City West Link) at Haberfield, and at Parramatta Road at Ashfiled/Haberfield;
- tunnel ventilation systems and facilities within the existing M4 corridor near Underwood Road at Homebush and at the corner of Parramatta Road and Wattle Street at Haberfield;
- associated road works including reconfiguration of traffic lanes and changes to traffic signalling;
- provision of new and modified noise abatement structures; and
- provision of pedestrian and cycle facilities; and temporary construction facilities to facilitate construction of the project.

A spokesperson for the Department of Planning and Environment said the local community always has an opportunity to share their views.

“Community consultation is an integral part of the planning process and the proponent will have to respond to the feedback we receive and this is taken into
consideration during the Department’s assessment of the proposal,” the spokesperson said.

“We have extended the time period to ensure there is plenty of opportunity for the community to comment on the plans and we encourage everyone to take a look and have their say.”

The environmental impact statement (EIS) will be available to view from 9 September and submissions are open until Friday 23 October 2015.

To make a submission and view the EIS visit www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au

Written submissions can also be made to:

Department of Planning and Environment
Attn: Director, Infrastructure Projects
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

The EIS is also available to view in person at:

- Department of Planning and Environment, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney
- Roads and Maritime Services (Head Office), Level 9, 101 Miller Street, North Sydney
- Ashfield Council, Customer Service Centre, 260 Liverpool Road, Ashfield
- Auburn City Council, Civic Precinct Centre, 1 Susan Street, Auburn
- Burwood Council, Suite 1, Level 2, 1-17 Elsie Street, Burwood
- City of Canada Bay Council, Civic Centre, 1A Marlborough Street, Drummoyne
- Strathfield Council, Customer Service Centre, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield
- Ashfield Library, Level 3, 260 Liverpool Road, Ashfield
- Auburn City Library, Civic Place, 1 Susan Street, Auburn
- Burwood Library, 2 Conder Street, Burwood
- Concord Library, 60 Flavelle Street, Concord
- Five Dock Library, Level 1, 4-12 Garfield Street, Five Dock
- Strathfield Main Library, 65-67 Rochester Street, Homebush,
- Nature Conservation Council, Level 2, 5 Wilson Street, Newtown.

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