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NSW BUDGET: \$123 MILLION FOR URBAN REVITALISATION TO BEGIN ON PARRAMATTA ROAD

The NSW Government has announced \$123 million will be invested in the major revitalisation of Sydney's Parramatta Road as part of Budget 2017/18.

NSW Treasurer, Dominic Perrottet, and Minister for Planning, Anthony Roberts, have announced the funding, under the Parramatta Road Urban Amenity Improvement Program, will see work commence on 32 projects to revitalise the busy thoroughfare in 2017/18.

The Program was developed to address the slow road travel, unattractive and unappealing streetscapes and disconnected planning that has eroded the Parramatta Road corridor as a place to live, shop or do business.

Treasurer Perrottet said the projects have been developed after extensive consultation with the community and the six local councils spanning Parramatta Road and will include walking and cycling links, the acquisition and improvement of open space and public domain and streetscape works.

"This must be one of Australia's ugliest road corridors and our Budget investment will enable the transformation of these plans from artists' impressions to construction," Mr Perrottet said.

"We will start to see our hopes for this corridor come to fruition in the next 12 months, which is exciting and much-needed for the communities that live around Parramatta Road.

"Another one of the great benefits of WestConnex is taking cars and trucks off Parramatta Road and putting them underground, that's what makes this project possible," the Treasurer said.

Minister Roberts said the projects will be undertaken across Granville, Auburn, Homebush, Burwood-Concord, Kings Bay, Leichhardt, Taverners Hill and Camperdown.

"It's exciting to imagine what this ambitious urban renewal project will look like in 12

months' time - with this Budget investment," Mr Roberts said.

"We're doing the right planning, consulted communities and worked to ensure this investment is targeted at the best projects for the outcome we want to achieve.

"The projects include 12 hectares of open space and urban plazas, three new playing fields and new walking and cycling facilities," the Minister said.

The Greater Sydney Commission, which manages the Parramatta Road Urban Amenity Improvement Program, will work with the six councils to deliver the projects in partnership.

The \$123 million in stage one funding is part of the total program allocation of \$198 million.

The Greater Sydney Commission's Chief Commissioner Lucy Turnbull AO said the projects have strong community support.

"As Sydney grows, it will be more and more important that we enhance the liveability of our suburbs by creating great spaces where people will want to live and work and are encouraged to get out and walk or cycle or relax in well-designed opened spaces," Ms Turnbull said.

"The Commission welcomes this funding announcement and is delighted to be working with the six Councils to deliver what will be transformative projects along Parramatta Road.

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