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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **NSW BUDGET: F6 EXTENSION TO SLASH TRAVEL TIMES FOR SOUTHERN SYDNEY**

The first section of the F6 Extension, which will allow drivers to bypass 23 sets of traffic lights and save up to 15 minutes on each journey, is now fully funded and open for community feedback.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian, Treasurer Dominic Perrottet and Minister for Roads Melinda Pavey today released plans for the twin four-kilometre tunnels that will connect the New M5 Motorway at Arncliffe to President Avenue at Kogarah.

The road extension, which is expected to cost between \$2.2 to \$2.6 billion, will take more than 10,000 vehicles a day off General Holmes Drive and 2000 trucks off local streets.

Ms Berejiklian said it is the NSW Liberals & Nationals strong economic management which has made the F6 Extension possible.

“This project is so important because it will allow people to spend less time sitting in traffic and more time at home with their families.

“The F6 Extension is a project which has long been promised and only this Government can be trusted to deliver it.”

Mr Perrottet said this Budget was about investment in people and the infrastructure that makes a difference to lives across NSW.

“We all hate being stuck in traffic, so investment in roads and infrastructure that reduces congestion, uplifts productivity and gives people back time is why we are doing this.”

Mrs Pavey said Stage 1 of the F6 extension has been designed to minimise disruption to the community and to minimise property impacts.

“We are committed to delivering this project for Southern Sydney, but as with all of our projects we want to take the community with us and that is why the next phase of consultation begins today.”

Following this round of community consultation, an Environmental Impact Statement will be completed and exhibited. The Government is targeting tendering and procurement to be underway next year.

“In order to deliver on all of these projects some roads will be tolled and we want to be up front with the community now and say this is one of those roads which will be tolled, but as always there will be a free alternative,” Mrs Pavey said.

“During Labor’s last 16 years in office, it repeatedly announced plans for the F6 corridor but it had done nothing.”

The toll for the F6 Extension is planned to be \$1.77 each way for cars (2017 dollars).

Users of the F6 Extension will also be eligible for the NSW Government’s free registration package, should they spend \$25 or more a week on tolls.

The design for Stage 1 of the F6 extension includes connection tunnels to facilitate future components of the F6 between Kogarah and Loftus, which are in development. For further information visit [www.rms.nsw.gov.au/f6](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/f6)

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