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## NSW BUDGET: WESTERN SYDNEY IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

The NSW Government is getting on with the job of transforming the Western Sydney road network with over 40 projects worth in total more than \$1 billion currently in progress or planning across the region.

Throughout Western Sydney an army of workers are building, widening, extending, and duplicating roads to future proof one of the state's fastest growing regions.

Treasurer Dominic Perrottet said currently more than 845,000 journeys to work start and end in Western Sydney and 64 per cent of those are by car.

"Western Sydney is one of the fastest-growing regions in NSW and the NSW Government is building roads to cater for future generations and address the expected increase in congestion," Mr Perrottet said.

"More than 2 million people are living in Western Sydney with the population expected to grow to 3 million over the next 20 years, which is why the NSW Government is planning now."

The NSW Budget 2019-20 has secured more than \$1 billion in funding for critical road projects across Western Sydney to help the region get ahead of the game including:

- \$631 million for the NSW Government and Federal Government funded road upgrades to support new Western Sydney Airport.
- \$107.4 million on the M4 Smart Motorway between Parramatta and Penrith to increase trip reliability and improve road safety.

"The Budget is not only delivering the roads people need to move around Western Sydney faster but is also creating jobs with more than 2000 people currently working on road projects across the region and will only grow as more work is carried out," Mr Perrottet said.

Minister for Roads Andrew Constance said much of the work was supporting the new Western Sydney Aerotropolis, which is estimated to provide around 200,000 new jobs alone.

"We have more than 40 projects in planning across Western Sydney, which will feature new and upgraded roads providing safer and more reliable journeys for the thousands of drivers," Mr Constance said.

"Work is in full swing on the Windsor Bridge replacement project and shovels are in the ground along Mulgoa and Castlereagh road. We're also seeing great progress on the upgrade between Union Road and Museum Drive."

Vision of Prospect Highway upgrade: https://vimeo.com/spatialau/review/339882771/cbeb755424.

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### Western Sydney Road Upgrades in planning or commenced (\$167 million for 2019-20)

- New Hawkesbury River crossing at Richmond.
- Pitt Town Bypass at Pitt Town.
- Prospect Highway between Reservoir Road to St Martins Crescent at Prospect.
- Windsor Bridge replacement at Hawkesbury.
- M4 Motorway, Hill Road Westbound Off ramp at Lidcombe.
- M4 Smart Motorway Parramatta to Penrith.

#### Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan (\$631 million for in 2019-20)

- Bringelly Road, Bringelly upgrades at Leppington.
- M12 motorway, M7 to The Northern Road at Badgerys Creek.
- The Northern Road between Narellan and Penrith.

#### Western Sydney Growth Roads (\$195 million for 2019-20)

- Campbelltown Road upgrade Stage 1 at Edmondson Park.
- Mamre Road upgrades between M4 and Erskine Park Road at St Clair.
- Memorial Avenue, Old Windsor Road to Windsor Road at Kellyville.
- Mulgoa Road upgrades, Penrith to Glenmore Park.
- Spring Farm Parkway at Menangle Park.
- The Horsley Drive, between the M7 Motorway and Cowpasture Road, Horsley Park to a four lane divided road.
- Western Sydney Long Term Strategic Transport Corridor Preservation.

#### Additional investments

- \$695 million commitment for technology upgrades to reduce congestion across the road network including Western Sydney.
- \$450 million commitment to reduce congestion at a further 12 pinch points including at intersections along major arterial roads in Western Sydney.