

# DELIVERING THE NSW LONG TERM TRANSPORT MASTER PLAN: FIRST ANNUAL UPDATE

## MINISTERS' MESSAGE

The NSW Government released the *NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan* in December 2012 following 12 months of consultation and analysis.

We committed to keeping the community updated on our progress and this documents our achievements during 2013 of delivering key projects and services in the Master Plan.

There is still much more to do and that's why the NSW Government has committed more than \$53 billion for the first four years of the Master Plan to help deliver an integrated, modern and customer focused transport system for NSW.

Through this investment the community will see more progress on our once-in-a-generation reform of the rail network, delivery of major road upgrades in Sydney and in our regions, improvements to bus and ferry services, expansion of light rail, and a continuing focus on strengthening our freight network.

**Gladys Berejiklian**  
Minister for Transport

**Duncan Gay**  
Minister for Roads  
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## MASTER PLAN PROCESS

The *NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan* (the Master Plan) was released in December 2012, setting the framework to guide transport decision making for NSW for the next 20 years, and supporting the *NSW 2021* strategies of returning quality services, renovating infrastructure and restoring accountability to the NSW Government.

Consultation to support the development of the Master Plan took place over a year and involved extensive collaboration with our customers, industry, government, business and the community. We engaged with our stakeholders through advisory groups involving 55 customer, community, industry, transport specialist and local government representatives. Over 1,000 people attended 14 regional forums across NSW, and 270 key stakeholders participated in workshops at the Master Plan launch and an industry briefing session. A Discussion Paper was released to invite comments from our stakeholders and the community and we received more than 1,200 comments. Over 480 comments were received when the draft Master Plan was released.

This is the NSW Government's first update, which highlights the major achievements during 2013 in the areas of transport infrastructure and transport services. It demonstrates that we are already delivering a more customer-focused, integrated transport system.

## 2013 YEAR IN REVIEW – TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

In 2013 we:

- Delivered 40 new air-conditioned Waratah trains, taking the total to more than 60 now running on the Sydney Trains network
- Progressed construction of the \$2 billion South West Rail Link, laying track, tunnelling under the Hume Highway and building the new stations, with the project now one year ahead of schedule and more than \$100 million under budget
- Awarded a \$1.15 billion contract to build Australia's longest rail tunnels on the North West Rail Link and expect to award the second major contract by the end of 2013, with major construction now underway across the North West
- Undertook preliminary investigations into the Second Harbour Crossing to identify a preferred route – the first step in the corridor protection process
- Modernised rail maintenance including opening the first Centre of Excellence (CoE) at Blacktown, closing ten old depots and relocating staff to the modern new facility with more to come
- Awarded a \$93 million contract for design and construction of the Gosford Passing Loops project and awarded a \$265 million alliance contract to deliver the Epping to Thornleigh Third Track project as part of the Northern Sydney Freight Corridor project
- Continued maintenance and upgrade works to the State's 996 kilometres of grain rail lines
- Worked to finalise the 5.6 kilometre Inner West Light Rail Extension from Lilyfield to Dulwich Hill with construction of all nine stops nearing completion
- Progressed the Sydney CBD and South East light rail network including utilities investigations, community consultation, EOIs sought for construction, and the Environment Impact Statement being exhibited
- Announced plans for a new light rail network for Newcastle and released key tenders to get the project moving



- Committed more than \$90 million to fund over 200 new buses this financial year, including 65 new buses for Western Sydney
- Confirmed a new ferry hub for Barangaroo and started the process to procure six new ferries as part of *Sydney's Ferry Future*
- Completed 25 projects under the Transport Access Program in 2013 including easy access upgrades, upgraded ferry wharves, interchange upgrades and station upgrades
- Started construction of the \$306 million Wynyard Walk to provide a pedestrian link between Wynyard Station and Barangaroo
- Progressed Australia's largest road project, WestConnex
- Planned and designed for key crossings as part of the Bridges for the Bush Program
- Committed \$222 million to deliver the Hunter Expressway, \$54 million to improve and maintain Central Coast roads, and \$121 million for the Great Western Highway
- Completed works to relieve traffic congestion on the Cumberland Highway, King Georges Road, Old Windsor Road, Pacific Highway, Princes Highway and Pennant Hills Road as part of the pinch point program
- Invested \$602 million in Western Sydney roads as part of the 2013-14 budget
- Continued work on the \$400 million M5 West widening project
- Allocated nearly \$1 billion in the 2013-14 budget to continue the duplication of the Pacific Highway
- Allocated \$115 million to continue work on the Princes Highway Gerringong upgrade between Mount Pleasant and Toolijooa Road
- Completed 90 projects in the federal Black Spot Program and 68 under the state Black Spot Program in 2012-13



## 2013 YEAR IN REVIEW - TRANSPORT SERVICES

In 2013 we:

- Implemented Opal on all Sydney Ferries' services, on trains on the City Circle and stations to Bondi Junction and Chatswood, and on the 594 and 333 bus routes
- Introduced the State's first integrated customer timetable in October 2013, adding more than 1,000 train services, 1,700 bus services and 55 ferry services to the network every week
- Supported new real-time train and bus apps to help customers plan their journey
- Released the *Sydney City Centre Access Strategy* - a blueprint for how Sydney's CBD will work now and in the next 20 years
- By the end of 2013 we will have completed modal plans for rail, light rail, ferries, buses, cycling and walking
- Released the *Sydney Clearways Strategy* to improve weekend traffic in Sydney
- Targeted crime across the transport network through the NSW Police Transport Command
- Introduced 150 new Transport Officers on the network in May to help customers and check people are travelling with valid tickets across all modes
- Rolled out improvements for train customers to help make their journey more comfortable, including WiFi at Central Station, expanding quiet carriages and installing new way-finding
- Replaced RailCorp with two customer focused rail operators as part of the Fixing the Trains initiative - Sydney Trains and NSW Trains
- Introduced permanent dwell management measures at Town Hall and Central stations to improve reliability of trains through the CBD and help customers get on and off trains
- Awarded eight new competitive metropolitan bus contracts to provide better bus services across Sydney
- Continued our commitment to community transport - with \$7.5 million to be distributed to local providers in 2013-14



- Released the *NSW Road Safety Strategy* and the *NSW Motorcycle Safety Strategy* in March 2013 – ten year strategies to reduce death and serious injury on NSW roads by more than 30 percent
- Started the Community Road Safety Fund to make sure revenue from speed camera infringements would be dedicated to important road safety initiatives and infrastructure upgrades
- Abolished vehicle registration stickers for light vehicles and released the NSW Rego mobile app enabling customers to check and renew vehicle registration online
- Rolled out innovative road safety campaigns to help reduce the road toll, including ‘Get your hand off it’ which targets young people using their mobile phone while driving
- Commenced delivery of an alphanumeric route marking system and new motorway names in May 2013
- Rolled out Real Time Traffic Time Information Services to NSW Roads, including the Pacific Motorway (M1) and the M2
- Installed flashing lights at 263 school zones and 291 schools in 2013
- Made a commitment to progressively install seatbelts and phase out standing on almost 1,700 dedicated school services over ten years, starting this financial year
- Worked with Police to introduce a new Motorcycle Response Team in the CBD and Parramatta to assist with congestion and safety of motorists, cyclists and pedestrians
- Began offering a new Safer Drivers Course to give L-plate drivers the skills they need to ensure they’re safe on the roads when they progress to their P Plates
- Released the State’s first *Freight and Ports Strategy* to deliver a freight network that effectively supports NSW economic growth whilst balancing freight needs with community and environment considerations

