

DELIVERING THE CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN ANNUAL UPDATE 2014-15

MINISTERS' MESSAGE

Regional NSW is the backbone of this state. Its varied geography, demographics, employment, industries and environment provides a great tapestry of opportunity and diversity.

At the core of keeping these communities moving is transport. Between December 2013 and April 2014, the NSW Government released ten *Regional Transport Plans*.

The *Plans* provide a blueprint for the future of transport in the ten regions, including the Central Coast and set a strategic direction for the delivery of transport infrastructure and services in the State's regions over the next 20 years.

Importantly, the *Plans* support the implementation of the *NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan* which sets the strategic framework to guide transport decision making in NSW.

This Government is committed to keeping the community informed of our progress and this Annual Update on the *Central Coast Regional Transport Plan* highlights our major achievements in delivering key projects and services for the region in 2014-15.

In 2014-15 in the Central Coast region we spent \$15.8 million through the Traffic Management and Road Safety Program, completed Park and Travel Safety Upgrades at three stations and awarded over \$29,000 for investigation of an upgrade of the Ettalong ferry wharf.

In support of our commitment to align and integrate transport and land use planning in NSW, we have also been working closely with, and providing input to, the Department of Planning & Environment's *Regional Plans*, so that transport services and infrastructure is coordinated for our regions and centres that are growing strongly.

We know there is always more to do. We will continue to build on these achievements, ensuring that Central Coast residents have access to high quality roads and efficient, safe and customer-focused public transport services well into the future.

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IN THE CENTRAL COAST WE:

Road Network Maintenance Program

- Spent \$21 million upgrading and maintaining 256.52 km of major roads in the region.
- Spent \$4.7 million upgrading and maintaining 869 bridges in the region.
- Provided local councils within the region \$7.2 million for maintenance and improvement of their road networks.



Traffic Management and Road Safety Program

- Spent \$15.8 million through the Traffic Management and Road Safety Program.
- Improved travel time reliability at Wadalba at the Pacific Highway and at Johns Road intersection through guidance signposting improvements.
- Spent \$6.6 million to complete road safety improvements at:
 - Mooney Mooney on the M1 Pacific Motorway
 - Mt White on the Pacific Highway
 - Wyoming at the Pacific Highway and Henry Parry Drive intersection
 - Mannering Park on Rutleys Road
 - along Wisemans Ferry Road
 - Chittaway Bay at the Wyong Road and Geoffrey Street intersection.
- Completed improvements for cyclists at The Entrance North along Wilfred Barrett Drive with an improved on road cycleway, and from Hawkesbury River to Somersby along the Pacific Highway with improved signage.
- Improved pedestrian safety at North Gosford on Henry Parry Drive with a new pedestrian refuge.
- Released the new *Aboriginal Road Safety Action Plan 2014-2017* which provides more than \$5 million in a package of practical measures to help reduce the road toll in Aboriginal communities.



Transport Access Program

- Converted existing staff car parking at Gosford station to provide 30 extra commuter car parking spaces.
- Upgraded lighting at Showground Road multi-storey car park and installed additional lighting along walkways on both sides of Gosford station.
- Converted existing staff car parks at Woy Woy station to create 24 additional commuter car parking spaces.
- Completed upgrades to fencing, lighting and CCTV at Narara, Ourimbah and Wyong stations as part of the Park and Travel Safety Program.
- Completed upgrades to Tuggerah station including installation of fencing and lighting as part of the Minor Works and Safety Upgrades.
- Progressed the installation of secure bicycle facilities at Gosford, Tuggerah and Woy Woy stations.
- Progressed the development of an at-grade commuter car park for Gosford station.
- Progressed planning for the conversion of existing staff car parks to commuter car parking spaces at Gosford and Woy Woy.
- Planned for a minor safety and security upgrade at Ourimbah.
- Progressed planning for the installation of CCTV cameras at Railway Street car park at Woy Woy.
- Commencing construction of a further 26 commuter car parking spaces near Gosford Station on the corner of Keevers Lane and Faunce Street, in addition to the new 58 space commuter car park being constructed on the corner of Faunce and Mann Streets. Carparks include new surfacing, line marking, lighting, CCTV camera and fencing to enhance commuter safety.



NSW Boating Now

- Contributed over \$1.5 million to support the delivery of three boating projects for the region.
- Completed the upgrade at the Norah Head boat ramp at Wyong.
- Improved the car park at Deerubbin Reserve boat ramp, Mooney Mooney.
- Awarded over \$29,000 as a special grant for investigations of an upgrade to Ettalong ferry wharf.
- Released the *Hawkesbury River, Pittwater and Brisbane Water* and the *Lake Macquarie-Tuggerah Lakes Regional Boating Plans* identifying priority boating safety, access and storage actions for the next five years.



Transport Services

- Completed refurbishments at Warnervale and Narara train stations as part of the Refresh initiative resulting in cleaner, brighter and safer stations.
- Introduced Opal electronic ticketing in the Central Coast, specifically in the Wyong and Gosford urban area.
- Commenced procurement for the next generation intercity train fleet for NSW. The contract includes the supply and maintenance of approximately 520 brand new carriages configured specifically for the NSW rail network and offering longer-distance train customers improved comfort and reliability.
- Recognised community transport in the State *Passenger Transport Act*, under reforms passed in NSW Parliament, meaning community transport providers will now be accredited and meet the same safety standards as public bus operators, providing greater protection for the community.



Transport Infrastructure

- Rolled out the Freight Noise Attenuation Program as part of a suite of initiatives designed to minimise the impact of freight rail noise on residents.

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