

MAYORS WELCOME MAJOR FRENCHS FOREST ROAD UPGRADES AND ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY TO FIND OUT MORE

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SHOROC President Cr Jacqueline Townsend has welcomed the major \$400 million underpasses and upgrades planned for Warringah Road outlined in the next stage of planning released today by the NSW Government.

“These upgrades are great for the community as they will cut travel times for residents and businesses travelling on Warringah Road, Wakehurst Parkway and Forest Way and help reduce road congestion across the entire region,” said Cr Townsend.

NSW Road and Maritime has released further detail on the planned upgrades and is planning a series of community information sessions in conjunction with NSW Health and councils on the plans.

Key elements of the plan are:

- A major Warringah Road underpass which will take eastbound and westbound through traffic under the Wakehurst Parkway and Forest Way intersections and help remove these choke points
- Works to enable efficient access to the Hospital including for Frenchs Forest Road East, Wakehurst Parkway and Warringah Road

“The NSW Government has scheduled the works to be finished before the new Northern Beaches Hospital opens in 2018 and it will be critical this occurs to enable access to the hospital.”

“The integration of a major transport interchange at Frenchs Forest and provision of fast and reliable public transport is another critical element of the planning for this precinct and the broader region that must be delivered.”

The NSW Government is also working to address flooding issues on Wakehurst Parkway and will ensure access to the hospital for all residents across the Northern Beaches.

“We have been working productively with our local MPs and Transport for NSW to develop an integrated transport plan for this region. The results speak volumes for the benefits that can come from a strong state and local government partnership on a regional level.

“We look forward to working with the NSW Government to deliver the road and public transport upgrades this precinct and the whole region needs,” said Mayor Townsend.

Full detail on the plan is available on the Roads and Maritime (RMS) website.

SHOROC encourages the community to visit the upcoming community information sessions in July and August to find out more. Details of the sessions can be found on the RMS website or via a link at shoroc.com

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