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## COUNCILS UNITED CALL FOR TRANSPORT & HOSPITAL FUNDING

20 October

Funding for rapid buses, road upgrades and a new Hospital top the list of priorities for the SHOROC region under *Shaping Our Future*, the regional strategy formally agreed today by the Mayors of Manly, Mosman, Pittwater & Warringah councils.

“Our buses are slow, infrequent and overcrowded, our roads are choked with traffic and our hospitals are run down, yet our region is ignored in plan after plan and budget after budget”, said SHOROC President and Mosman Mayor Anne Connon.

“This is an historic agreement between our four councils, creating a roadmap for how our region can sustainably address our issues now and the challenges to come including population growth and climate change”, said Mayor Connon.

“We’re providing the leadership our region sorely needs and call on the State and Federal governments to commit funding in their 2011 budgets to deliver our priorities and join us in strategically shaping the way our region will look, feel and grow over the next twenty years”.

The key priorities included in *Shaping Our Future* are:

- **Buses:** Bus Rapid Transit systems for faster public transport from Mona Vale to the city and from Dee Why to Chatswood, Ryde and the CBD.
- **Roads:** fixing the choke points on our congested roads.
- **Hospitals:** Immediate construction of the Northern Beaches Hospital and upgrades to Mona Vale Hospital.

*Shaping Our Future* also outlines how the councils will accommodate the population growth, housing and jobs targets set by the NSW Government for the region.

“The NSW Government’s Metropolitan Strategy requires our region to accommodate an additional 22,800 dwellings and 20,800 jobs by 2031”, said Mayor Connon. “We’ve identified what we consider the most appropriate areas for the main growth to occur, creating jobs close to home and minimising the need for additional public transport and impact on our natural environment and way of life.”

“*Shaping Our Future* relies on a strong partnership between our councils and the State and Commonwealth governments”, said Mayor Connon. “ We want to work together to create a sustainable future for our region - a future with a clean environment, frequent and reliable transport, more jobs close to home and a health system that we can rely on”.

Find out more at [www.shoroc.com](http://www.shoroc.com)

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