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## TRANSPORT FUNDING FOR SHOROC REGION CRITICAL AS NSW MASTER PLAN DEVELOPED

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SHOROC has welcomed the development process for the NSW Long Term Transport Masterplan and reiterated the call for funding for long-awaited transport infrastructure for the Northern Beaches and Mosman.

The NSW Government has announced that it is developing a new NSW Transport Master Plan, including a 12-month consultation process, that when released in late 2012 will detail how the Government will tackle the transport priorities for NSW.

The Long Term Masterplan will build on the range of projects already underway, including the investigation of a Bus Rapid Transit system for the Northern Beaches and Mosman.

“It’s critical the NSW Government addresses long term transport issues for our region in this Master Plan” said SHOROC President and Manly Mayor, Cr Jean Hay. “We have some of the most congested roads in Australia, our ageing transport infrastructure is beyond its limits now and it’s only set to worsen as our population grows.”

“The four SHOROC councils of Manly, Mosman, Pittwater and Warringah have agreed the priorities are construction of a Bus Rapid Transit system and targeted road upgrades for our major arteries”, said Cr Hay. “This new Masterplan needs to commit funds for immediate construction of these critical infrastructure needs”.

In summary, the priorities agreed in the regional strategy *Shaping Our Future* include:

- A Bus Rapid Transit system to link Dee Why to Chatswood, Ryde and the CBD
- A Bus Rapid Transit system to the city from Mona Vale with a dedicated peak hour median bus lane and a new underground interchange at Neutral Bay to service buses from Sydney’s North West and SHOROC
- Road upgrades for Mona Vale Road, Wakehurst Parkway and the Warringah Road intersections with Wakehurst Parkway and Forrest Way.

More information on these priorities can be found at [www.shoroc.com](http://www.shoroc.com)

SHOROC has been invited to sit on an advisory committee for the development of the NSW Long Term Transport Masterplan, with the first round meetings commencing in mid-December this year.

“We welcome this involvement as it will provide SHOROC with further opportunities to advocate for our region as the Masterplan is being developed.” SHOROC President Cr Hay said.

The community is being asked to have their say, including at key milestones throughout the process such as the release of the discussion paper in February 2012 and the release of the draft Master Plan in mid 2012. More information is available at [www.transportmasterplan.nsw.gov.au](http://www.transportmasterplan.nsw.gov.au)

“We all have a stake in the future transport needs of our region. That is why it is so important that we provide comprehensive input to this planning process to ensure our local transport priorities are addressed in the wider Long Term Transport Master Plan for NSW.” Mayor Hay said.

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