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SHOROC COUNCILS ENCOURAGED BY PLANNING PROGRESS FOR NORTHERN BEACHES BUS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM

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Mayors and General Managers representing Manly, Mosman Pittwater and Warringah councils (the SHOROC councils) are encouraged by progress in planning for a Northern Beaches Bus Rapid Transit system, discussed at a meeting with the NSW Transport Minister Gladys Berejiklian yesterday 7 June 2012.

The meeting was held to discuss progress on the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) pre-feasibility studies being conducted by the NSW Government.

“This gathering of decision makers marks the beginning of the next stage in our efforts to gain an integrated transport solution for the Northern Beaches” said SHOROC president, Mayor of Manly, Jean Hay.

“Today’s meeting was particularly positive. It is clear the NSW transport professionals have conducted high-quality analysis into the various options for an integrated transport solution for the Northern Beaches.”

The Minister outlined the progress in assessing options for an integrated BRT system, including routes along the North-South corridor between the City and the Northern Beaches as well as east-west via Warringah Road linking the northern parts of the Peninsula to Chatswood.

“Minister Berejiklian advised us that transport experts are currently finalising the BRT options to be taken to the next stage, with the SHOROC Board to be given a detailed briefing in the coming months followed by a process of public consultation.”

“This process has involved significant analysis and I think the NSW Government has been right to take the appropriate amount of time needed to ensure the best possible outcome is achieved to deliver residents of the Northern Beaches a fast and reliable public Bus Rapid Transit system.” said Mayor Hay.

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