

NRMA THANKED FOR GETTING ON BOARD NORTHERN BEACHES TRANSPORT PLAN

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SHOROC has thanked the NRMA for today supporting the long running campaign to 'get the northern beaches moving', and called on it to get behind the plans already agreed and underway in partnership between the NSW Government and councils.

"It is very positive to have the NRMA's support for the projects identified in partnership by the SHOROC Mayors and our local MPs and now well progressed in planning," said Cr Peter Abelson SHOROC President and Mayor of Mosman.

The priority is establishing a fast and effective public transport service now with Bus Rapid Transit for Pittwater/Military Rd as well as improved bus services for Warringah Rd, not the long term mirage of a possible train line.

SHOROC has long supported the proposed tunnel under the Spit Bridge and looks forward to the outcome of the NSW Government's feasibility studies already underway.

The transport infrastructure priorities for this region were developed by SHOROC Mayors and the NSW MPs in 2010 under the Shaping Our Future strategy.

"Our overall priority here is less road congestion and an efficient and effective transport system."

"The regional Bus Rapid Transit system will help transform the region by providing fast and reliable public transport, encouraging a modal shift and resulting in less road congestion across the whole region."

"The tunnel currently being investigated by the NSW Government along with the targeted road upgrades underway will significantly reduce traffic congestion."

The councils have an in-depth understanding of the local land-use patterns and transport needs and have identified the priorities as:

- Bus Rapid Transit from Mona Vale to the CBD and increased bus services from Dee Why to Chatswood
- Road upgrades, including for Warringah Road (the Frenchs Forest underpasses), Mona Vale Road widening and upgrading Wakehurst Parkway for flood-free access
- the 'Beacheslink' tunnel from Seaforth to the Warringah Freeway
- Strongly encouraging a modal shift to public and active transport.

It is positive to have the support for the NRMA for those key initiatives currently in planning, but not fully funded, including the 'Beacheslink' tunnel from Seaforth to the Warringah Freeway linking to Westconnex and the widening of Mona Vale Road to four lanes along its entire length.

"We are working with the NSW Government through the regular 'Leaders' Forums' of the Mayors and MPs, as well as the SHOROC Transport Planning Group of senior council, Transport for NSW and RMS planners."

Shore Regional Organisation of Councils – a partnership of Manly, Mosman, Pittwater & Warringah Councils



Speed and reliability of public transport on the main corridors is a priority. A fast and reliable BRT system on our major corridors will help reduce congestion and every effort should be made to make it work.

“We will continue to partner with the NSW Government to deliver better transport for our region,” Cr Abelson said.

Read the [*NRMA’s “Get the northern beaches moving” report.*](#)

