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## Sydney Airport notes media release on ground transport

On 29 June 2014 the NSW Government and Sydney Airport jointly announced their commitment to invest almost \$500 million to improve traffic flow in and around Sydney Airport, as part of a suite of ground transport solutions and airport facility upgrades.

Sydney Airport welcomes the government's commitment to invest \$282 million in off airport road projects in the surrounding precinct, including \$40 million from the Federal Government, for WestConnex Enabling Works and other projects to address pinch points.

All Sydney Airport forecast capital expenditure for the ground access solutions invested by 2017 has been included in guidance provided to the market at the annual results on 26 February 2014.

A copy of the full media release is attached and is also available on the Sydney Airport website at [www.sydneyairport.com.au/corporate/media-centre/media-releases](http://www.sydneyairport.com.au/corporate/media-centre/media-releases).

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## **Easing congestion around Sydney Airport: \$500m for ground transport solutions**

The NSW Government and Sydney Airport are jointly investing almost \$500 million to improve traffic flow in and around Sydney Airport, as part of a suite of ground transport solutions and airport facility upgrades.

Roads Minister Duncan Gay said the NSW Government is building more than \$282 million in road projects around the airport precinct, including \$40 million from the Federal Government, for WestConnex Enabling Works and other projects to address pinch points.

“The NSW Government is committed to working closely with Sydney Airport to improve the arrival and departure experience for local travellers and visitors to our great city,” Minister Gay said.

“Our package of works including the WestConnex Enabling Works will minimise congestion through the provision of direct and improved access to and from the new motorway from the airport and port precincts.

“The Enabling Works are already full steam ahead, with community consultation and pre-construction work such as geotechnical drilling already underway.

“The preferred concept design for work east of the airport is on display from today at [www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects/AirportEast/](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects/AirportEast/).

“The Marsh Street widening is on track to start mid-next year pending project approval and construction on the Enabling Works is planned to start a year later.”

In particular, the works will include the delivery of:

- **Improved traffic flow around the airport and to Port Botany:**
  - By widening Joyce Drive and General Holmes Drive between O’Riordan Street and Mill Pond Road to three lanes in each direction, and
  - Widening Marsh Street (fully State funded).

- **Supporting future growth and access to the airport:**
  - By improving the Mill Pond Road intersections with General Holmes Drive and Botany Road.
- **Improving the movement of rail freight and access to the airport, Mascot and the eastern suburbs:**
  - Through the replacement of General Holmes Drive rail level crossing with a road underpass that links General Holmes Drive, Botany Road and Wentworth Avenue.

The on-airport works will complement and be integrated with both the government's WestConnex Enabling Works and conversion of Robey and O'Riordan streets into one-way northbound and southbound.

Sydney Airport is proposing broad suite of initiatives that includes transformative road works at T1, T2 and T3, a ground transport interchange and multimodal storage and car park facility, plus a hotel in the T2/T3 precinct to service passenger demand for accommodation near the airport. Including the hotel these projects are worth over \$300 million.

Sydney Airport Chief Executive Officer Kerrie Mather said the key priority is to improve the passenger and airport user experience, with more than 150,000 travelling to and from the airport every day.

"We've listened to our passengers and are working to make it easier to travel to the airport, whether by car or public transport," Ms Mather said.

"With 74 million passengers a year forecast by 2033, we're building the road and public transport capacity now to support continued tourism and travel growth."

On-airport works will include:

- **A new one-way road system** extending from Seventh Street to connect Shiers Avenue to Qantas Drive and linking the T2/T3 (Domestic) terminals. The five-lane road – expected to be completed at the end of 2015 – will increase the capacity of major intersections, provide more 'green light' time and reduce traffic congestion.
- **A ground transport interchange**, including a bus/coach station and capacity for around 5,500 vehicles, to encourage greater use of public transport.
- **A new centre road and city exit to improve traffic flow at T1** (International) with construction to commence in late July and expected to be completed at the end of this year.
- **A proposed four- to five-star hotel** with approximately 430 rooms to meet increasing demand from airline passengers.

"These works will dramatically improve traffic flow around the airport, with our traffic models showing intersections clearing within most traffic light cycles and improvements in travel times," Ms Mather said.

All forecast capital expenditure for the ground access solutions invested by 2017 has been included in guidance provided to the market at Sydney Airport's annual results on 26 February 2014.

The two separate public consultation processes will commence tomorrow for the airport and off-airport works.

A preliminary draft major development plan (pdMDP) for the T2/T3 works will be on public exhibition for 60 business days until 22 September and can be found at [www.sydneyairport.com.au](http://www.sydneyairport.com.au)

Sydney Airport encourages stakeholders, state and local governments, tourism and business groups, and the broader community to provide feedback on the plan.

All comments received during the public exhibition period will be carefully considered and the pdMDP will be revised where appropriate before it is submitted to the Australian Government for consideration.

"We're committed to consulting with the community and stakeholders on our plan and keeping them informed throughout the improvement works," Ms Mather said.

There is potential for some disruption over the three-year construction period and Sydney Airport encourages commuters to check the website and social media for regular updates.

For more information, visit [www.sydneyairport.com.au](http://www.sydneyairport.com.au).

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