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Prospect Highway upgrade

Reservoir Road, Prospect, to St Martin's Crescent, Blacktown.

Roads and Maritime Services is planning to upgrade 3.6km of the Prospect Highway, between Reservoir Road at Prospect and St Martins Crescent at Blacktown, to reduce congestion and meet future traffic demand on this road corridor.

From October to November 2013, Roads and Maritime sought feedback from the community and stakeholders on a preliminary concept design for the upgrade of this Highway. A consultation report, which provides the public with detailed information on the feedback received, has been published. This report is available on the Roads and Maritime's project website at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects (and search for Prospect Highway).

Roads and Maritime received 131 responses from members of the community and stakeholders. The most commonly raised points were:

- Design (26 per cent)
- Road noise increases along the Prospect Highway (25 per cent)
- Road safety (15 per cent)
- Traffic congestion (15 per cent)
- Access (12 per cent)
- Other – including property impacts, pollution, heavy vehicles and the proposed two way link road (27 per cent).

Most of the responses showed an appreciation of the need for the future upgrade of the Prospect Highway, with 17 per cent of responses supporting the upgrade and 3 per cent against the upgrade.

Using the feedback provided, Roads and Maritime is now developing the concept design and carrying out specialist studies to inform the Review of Environmental Factors (REF). The REF and concept design are expected to be available for the community and stakeholders to review and comment on in the first half of 2014.

Other Roads and Maritime projects in the area, which are separate to the future upgrade of the Prospect Highway, include:

- The upgrade of the Prospect Highway intersection with the M4 Western Motorway westbound entry and exit ramps (completed December 2013)
- The construction of the Metro Sydney Bike Network shared cycle and pedestrian path, between the M4 Motorway and Harrod Street, Prospect, due to be completed in the first half of 2014.