

media statement

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Transurban Welcomes Government's Hills M2 Announcement

Transurban, owner of Hills M2 Motorway, welcomes the New South Wales Government's announcement today to commence discussion on Transurban's proposed improvements to traffic flow and travel times on the M2.

The Transurban proposal is to upgrade the M2 so it can continue to serve the needs of motorists, businesses, residents and public transport users. High business and residential growth in the M2 corridor means we need to upgrade the motorway.

On a typical work day, the M2 is used by up to 45,000 bus passengers and up to 100,000 motorists. Peak hour congestion on the M2 impacts bus users and motorists alike.

Since acquiring the M2 in June 2005, Transurban has undertaken a program of upgrades to reduce congestion and improve travel times.

- Electronic Express Lanes to improve traffic flow at the toll plazas were introduced in 2006
- An interim third westbound lane between Lane Cove Road and Beecroft Road was established in 2007

The next stage is to provide new access points to the motorway, move to cashless tolling and remove congestion pinch points in the morning and afternoon peaks.

Transurban's proposal to upgrade the motorway has been lodged with the Government for consideration. The works proposed are a result of feedback from motorists, businesses, residents, cyclists and bus users who want improved travel times and new access points to Western Sydney and Norwest Business Park as well as Macquarie University and Macquarie Park.

A formal community consultation process will take place following the agreement with Government on the project scope. Detailed designs will be presented to the community for discussion during the planning assessment phase.

The Hills M2 Community Relations team welcomes comments to enquiries@hillsm2.com.au

All comments will receive an individual reply from the Community Relations team and be placed on a mailing list for further progress on the project.

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