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NEW BRIDGE ROUTE TO BYPASS RICHMOND AND NORTH RICHMOND

A new bridge and bypass of Richmond and North Richmond will double traffic capacity across the Hawkesbury River, reduce travel times and cater for future growth in this growing part of western Sydney.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Premier Gladys Berejiklian were among the dignitaries to visit Richmond today to unveil the new preferred route, which will alleviate a long-term traffic bottleneck between Richmond and North Richmond.

Member for Hawkesbury Robyn Preston is inviting the community to have its say on how construction progresses on the new bridge and bypass.

“We want the local community and road users to have their say on the preferred option for a new Richmond Bridge and associated traffic upgrades, which are designed to keep vehicles moving in what has been a heavily congested area of the road network,” Ms Preston said.

“The current Richmond Bridge takes more than 31,000 vehicles a day and funnels traffic through both town centres, which is why we are doubling bridge capacity and bypassing Richmond and North Richmond.

“The new bridge will provide a new connection for road users between Bells Line of Road and the main road network and the existing Richmond Bridge will remain in its current form, continuing to provide a link between Richmond and North Richmond.

“The preferred option includes upgrading six intersections and two existing roads, as well as a provision for active transport that will encourage bike use and exercise.”

The additional funding includes \$200 million from the Commonwealth and \$50 million in the upcoming 2021-22 NSW Budget and brings the total joint commitment to \$500 million.

Ms Preston said by 2026 it is estimated the new bypass road and two-lane bridge will save motorists up to 12 minutes travel time through this area.

“The existing Richmond Bridge and road approaches are operating at capacity during morning and afternoon peak periods, resulting in congestion and increased travel times,” Ms Preston said.

“Consultation with the community and stakeholders identified a preference for a bypass of Richmond and North Richmond town centres to provide a long-term solution to traffic congestion and a platform for their potential revitalisation.

“The new Richmond Bridge will alleviate some of this congestion and will reduce traffic in both town centres, helping to protect Richmond’s heritage and providing opportunities to improve amenity in both town centres.”

The community is invited to give their feedback on the preferred option, including any potential improvements that could be considered for the town centres of Richmond and North Richmond and any potential environmental impacts.

Face-to-face community information sessions will be held on Wednesday 16 June from 5pm to 7pm and on Saturday 19 June from 10am to 12pm at the North Richmond Community Centre.

An online information session will also be held on Monday 28 June from 4pm to 5pm on the NSW Roads Facebook page at [facebook.com/NSWRoads](https://www.facebook.com/NSWRoads).

All feedback will be considered and will help Transport for NSW develop the environmental assessment for the upgrade.

For more information about this project visit rms.nsw.gov.au/richmond-bridge.

Vision and images available to download: <https://bit.ly/3bVFxbq>

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