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ROADS BOOST FOR SOUTH SYDNEY

The State Government today announced a 10 year program to upgrade and improve the road network in South Sydney.

The Minister for Roads, Mr Carl Scully said the package of works would improve traffic flow along South Dowling Street and Southern Cross Drive by upgrading key intersections along both routes.

"These road network improvements are designed to cater for the large increase in development in the South Sydney region," Mr Scully said.

"Opportunities to upgrade the intersections of South Dowling Street with Cleveland Street, O'Dea Avenue and Lachlan Street, as well as the intersection of Southern Cross Drive and Gardeners Road will all be investigated."

Mr Scully said that the Member for Heffron, Ms Deidre Grusovin, had campaigned hard for these funds to be made available. In excess of 80 million has been allocated for the South Sydney area for the next ten years, with the first priority the extension of the southern arterial route and the upgrade of the Green Square intersection.

"Community consultation and environmental studies will begin shortly on these two projects," he said.

"I am interested in the community's feedback on priorities over the next ten years.

The ALP candidate for Heffron, Ms Kristina Keneally, welcomed the announcement.

"There has been such extraordinary growth over recent years in this area, including the Green Square development, and the new buildings. I'm really pleased because this plan will address the impact that growth has had on our roads" Ms Keneally said.

"The existing one way system of Botany Road southbound and Wyndham Street northbound between Regent Street at Redfern and Alexandria works reasonably well until Henderson Road,"

"But from Henderson Road to Bourke Street at Green Square, traffic in both directions must travel on Botany Road creating a bottleneck."

"The southern arterial proposal will help solve this problem by extending the one way pair arrangement of Botany Road being one way southbound and Wyndham Street being one way northbound between Green Square and Henderson Road," she said.

"The Green Square masterplan proposes that the intersections of O'Riordan Street with Wyndham Street, Bourke Street and Botany Road be reconfigured. This will be necessary to make the extension of the southern arterial route effective," Mr Scully said.

"This reconfiguration will free up land close to the railway station to allow the continued development of a Green Square town centre, and improve traffic movements through the area."

Lachlan Street and McEvoy Street between Young Street and Amelia Street would also be widened to improve cross regional traffic flow.

"Lachlan Street and McEvoy Street are an alternative to Cleveland Street for traffic moving between the inner west and the eastern suburbs," Mr Scully said.

"As Green Square grows, there will be even more traffic on these roads, and they will have to be upgraded.

The southern Sydney roads projects will be funded from the RTA's existing recurrent budget allocation.

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Attached Proposed Upgrade Program