RMS Activity on Road Projects in the Southern Region

“Picton Road

- The $43.0 million program of safety improvements for Picton Road is continuing. A detailed community update identifying the works completed to date can be found by accessing the following link: http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects/projects/south_eastern_region/picton/project_list.html.
- The 2012/13 State Budget has allocated $11.6 million for the ongoing safety work.

Kings Highway Road Safety Review

- The NSW Government has called for a King Highway road safety review. As part of this review, the Centre for Road Safety (CRS) and Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) has held 2 workshops and are calling for community comment.
- Submissions for the Kings Highway Road Safety Review closed on Wednesday 16 May 2012.
- Submissions from the community during this period have been compiled. The CRS and RMS will use the information provided by the community to assist in forming the direction for the Kings Highway Road Safety Review.
- A consultant has been engaged to manage the review process. Preliminary site investigations have already commenced and CRS and RMS.
- A draft safety review report will be submitted to the NSW Government by the end of August 2012.

Princes Highway
Princes Highway Gerringong Upgrade – Mount Pleasant to Toolijooa Road

- Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is upgrading the Princes Highway between Mount Pleasant and Toolijooa Road. This work is funded by the NSW Government.
- The $310 million upgrade will provide 7.5 kilometres of upgraded highway and include two new interchanges at Gerringong and Gerroa.
- Fulton Hogan has been contracted to design and construct the Gerringong upgrade. Detailed design started in January 2012 and construction is expected to start in the second half of 2012, with completion expected in the first half of 2015, weather permitting. A sod turning ceremony took place on July 2012.
- The 2012/13 State Budget allocated $90 million to the project.

Princes Highway, Foxground and Berry Bypass – Toolijooa Road to Shofields Lane

1. The Department of Planning and Infrastructure has provided the Roads and Maritime Services with a list of director general’s requirements to be addressed in the environmental assessment of the proposed Foxground and Berry Bypass upgrade.

2. The Roads and Maritime Services are working on addressing these requirements in the preparation of the environmental assessment.

- RMS is working with the community in discussing options for the Bypass of Berry.
- On 25 June 2012 the Minister for Roads announced that the northern Bypass of Berry would proceed to environmental assessment.
- In September 2012 RMS lodged the environmental assessment with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.
- The 2012/13 State Budget has allocated $9 million to the project.

Princes Highway, Berry to Bomaderry

- Planning for this proposal continues with the Roads and Maritime Services working to finalise a concept design for this project.
- The 2012/13 State Budget has allocated $1 million for ongoing planning for the project.

Princes Highway, South Nowra – Kinghorne Street to Forest Road

- The NSW Government is funding the $62 million upgrade of the Princes Highway between Kinghorne Street and Forest Road at South Nowra. The upgrade involves upgrading 6.3 kilometres of the Princes Highway to four lanes that will improve traffic flow and efficiency through this section of Nowra.
- Roads and Maritime Services are managing project delivery and Nace Civil Engineering is contracted to construct the upgrade.
- In August 2011 the Green and Golden Bell frog was discovered within the vicinity of the site. Work to upgrade the Princes Highway at South Nowra was suspended in November 2011 as a result of finding endangered Green and Golden bell frogs within 200 metres of the project.
- RMS has worked to mitigate the impacts of the project on the endangered frogs and has now received approval from the Australian Government's Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DoSEWPaC) to recommence
construction on the Princes Highway upgrade and road construction work has recommenced.

- The 2012/13 State Budget has allocated $28 million for ongoing construction.  

**Princes Highway, Victoria Creek**

- The NSW Government is funding a $45 million upgrade of the Princes Highway between Narooma Road (the Old Princes Highway) and Corkhill Drive at Central Tilba, 13km south of Narooma.
  o The highway upgrade includes:
    o A new bridge replacing the narrow bridge (built in 1935) over Victoria Creek.
    o New overtaking lanes in both directions.
    o Retaining parts of the existing highway as local access road.
    o New access points linking the old highway to the new highway for properties affected.
- Major construction work is well underway with $15 million allocated in the 2012/13 NSW Government budget for the project  

**Princes Highway, Dignams Creek**

- RMS publicly displayed a preferred road corridor and alignment for comment in December 2010 and consulted directly with affected land owners and local councils. As part of the planning process, RMS is now reviewing the proposed road corridor and is investigating an alignment to the west of the existing Dignams Creek Bridge. This is a result of community concerns and the need to go forward with a design that gives better value for money.
- RMS will consult directly with affected land owners throughout this stage.
- Planning for this project continues with the Roads and Maritime Services seeking to develop a concept design for this project which is expected to be on display in late 2012.
- The 2012/13 State Budget allocated $1 million to the project.  

**Princes Highway, Termeil Creek**

- The Roads and Maritime Services have announced the preferred corridor for the proposed realignment of the Princes Highway at Termeil Creek. This corridor was on display for comment from December 2010 until February 2011.
- The Roads and Maritime Services placed a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) on public display for comment from Monday 28 November 2011 until Friday 16 December 2011. Submissions are currently being investigated and a submission report is being developed. The REF was determined on 30 October 2012.
- The 2012/13 State Budget allocated $1 million to the project  

**Princes Highway, Bega Bypass**

- The Australian Government is funding construction of the $60 million bypass of Bega on the Princes Highway. The bypass will be approximately 3.5 kilometres long and use an existing road corridor to the west of Bega.
- The successful contractor, Macmahon Contractors Pty Ltd, has been awarded the tender to build the bypass. Roads and Maritime Services is working with the contractor in preparation for major construction work to commence.
- Major construction work commenced in May 2012.
The project is fully federally funded with $17,750 million allocated in the 2012/13 state budget. 

**Heavy Vehicle Rest Areas**

The NSW and Australian governments are joint funding $8.7 million to construct five new heavy vehicle rest areas on the Princes Highway between Sussex Inlet and the Victorian border.

This will ensure compliance with the National Transport Commission (NTC) fatigue management guidelines and improve stopping opportunities for the heavy vehicle operators.

The new rest areas will be constructed on the Princes Highway, three southbound and two northbound.

- Southbound rest areas:
  - Jerrawangala, 2 kilometres south of Sussex Inlet Road – completed.
  - Waldrons Swamp, 7 kilometres north of Moruya – in planning
  - Near Christopher's Road, 32 kilometres north of Bega - in planning

- Northbound rest areas:
  - Near Dummetts Lane, 28 kilometres north of Bega – completed.
  - Near Broulee Road, 7 kilometres south of Mogo - completed.


**Nowra Bridge**

The 2012/13 NSW State Budget has allocated $1 million for a study to find the possible location for a replacement of the southbound Shoalhaven River Bridge.


**Yallah to Oak Flats (Albion Park Bypass)**

In the 2012/13 State budget, $100,000 has been committed to commence planning for a possible future upgrade of the Princes Highway between Yallah and Oak Flats.


**Burrill Lake Bridge**

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is investigating options for the future of the bridge over Burrill Lake on the Princes Highway south of Ulladulla. Investigations are at an early stage and include geotechnical investigations as well as a preliminary environmental investigation.


**RMS SOUTH WEST REGION**

**Barton Highway**

The Barton Highway is one of two major connections between the Hume Highway and Canberra. The Highway also serves as the major road connecting Canberra with South West NSW and Victoria.
Traffic volumes on the Highway between Yass and Canberra, particularly commuter traffic to Canberra, are increasing steadily (2006 figures are 8,000-10,000 vehicles per day) and the road has a poor safety history.

Planning for the determination of road corridor boundaries for the future duplication of the Barton Highway has been completed. The boundaries have been advised to Yass Valley Council for inclusion in their Local Environmental Plan. This completes the Federally funded planning work for future duplication of the highway. There has been no decision on the timing for commencement of construction of the duplication.

$40M in funding has been provided under the Auslink and Nation Building programs for the planning for future duplication of the Barton Highway and delivery of a package of safety works on the highway as an interim measure.

As part of this funding, the following safety works have been completed:

- Capricorn Corner realignment 28-29.1 km north of Canberra at a cost of $2.8M
- Gounyan Curves realignment 41.8-46.3 km north of Canberra at a cost of $22M.

Additional projects are being identified for construction with the remaining funds. RMS will also complete maintenance works as required on the highway.

Safety improvement works at Murrumbateman have been approved for implementation. The works will improve safety at the intersection of the Highway and Gundaroo Road and the curve immediately south of the village. The work is estimated to cost $4.5M.

**Gocup Road**

Gocup Road is a 32km long two-lane rural road between Gundagai and Tumut. It has a winding alignment with some steep grades, limited overtaking opportunities and some sections of narrow pavement. It provides an important link for timber industry vehicles moving timber and timber products processed at plants in the area.

Visy Pulp and Paper Mill commenced operation in Tumut in 2001 following the investment of $400 million in infrastructure. After a further $400 million upgrade carried out in 2009/10, the company has doubled production at its Tumut plant. Other companies have invested amounts in excess of $100 million in timber processing plants in the area.

Traffic volumes are about 1,500 vehicles per day with about 20% being heavy vehicles. Gocup Road was reclassified as a State road on 1 July 2010, having previously been a Regional road managed by Gundagai and Tumut Shire Councils. Annual funding is being provided for maintenance activity on the road to address its current condition.

At present about $1M is being provided annually for rehabilitation and widening works on the road. This is the maximum level of funding available given the demands from the rest of the State road network across NSW. This amount is in addition to the funding provided for road maintenance activities.
RMS will continue to discuss future funding needs for high priority works and possible sources of additional funding with councils, the Federal government and key stakeholders including the timber industry.

RMS has been requested to assess the suitability of this route and the Snowy Mountains Highway for operation of a PBS level 3 vehicle 30.7m long that would improve freight efficiency and reduce the number of heavy vehicles travelling in the area.”