

The New South Wales Government and Hills Motorway, owners of the Hills M2 Motorway reached an in-principle agreement for an upgrade of the motorway on 13 October 2009.

Project details

The M2 Upgrade project would reduce congestion in peak periods, improve access to major growth areas, and provide new bus priority access.

The M2 Upgrade project would include:

- New west facing Windsor Road on and off ramps.
- Additional eastbound lane from Windsor Road to Pennant Hills Road.
- Additional eastbound lane from Pennant Hills Road through M2 Tunnel to Lane Cove Road, which includes a T2 lane east of Terrys Creek.
- A new Christie Road eastbound on ramp.
- A new Herring Road westbound off ramp.
- Work to widen lanes from Lane Cove Road to Beecroft Road.
- Additional westbound lane from Beecroft Road to Pennant Hills Road.

Background

- On a typical work day, the M2 is used by more than 100,000 vehicles and over 17,000 bus commuters.
- Construction of the Westlink M7 and Lane Cove Tunnel combined with strong commercial and residential growth in the north-west has led to heavy congestion on the M2 during peak periods.
- Current planning for Sydney's north-west includes 140,000 new homes and 100,000 new jobs over the next 25 years.

Benefits

Major project benefits include:

- Reduction in congestion during morning and afternoon peak periods.
- New access points to Sydney's growing residential and business centres.
- Restoration of 100 km/h speed limit along the motorway from Lane Cove Road to Beecroft Road.
- 800 new construction and engineering jobs through the life of the project.
- 2,400 indirect jobs created through the life of the project.
- Increased capacity to accommodate planned residential and business growth.

Project financing

- The project is expected to cost approximately \$550 million.
- The NSW Government would contribute by:
 - extending the M2 concession by four years;
 - allowing for new toll points for motorists accessing the motorway from new ramps at Windsor, Christie and Herring roads; and
 - allowing for a one-off toll increase of approximately eight percent following completion of the work.
- The length of time the concession is extended and the final toll costs will be determined in the final agreement between the NSW Government and Hills Motorway and will be subject to ongoing Government regulation under the M2 Concession Deed.

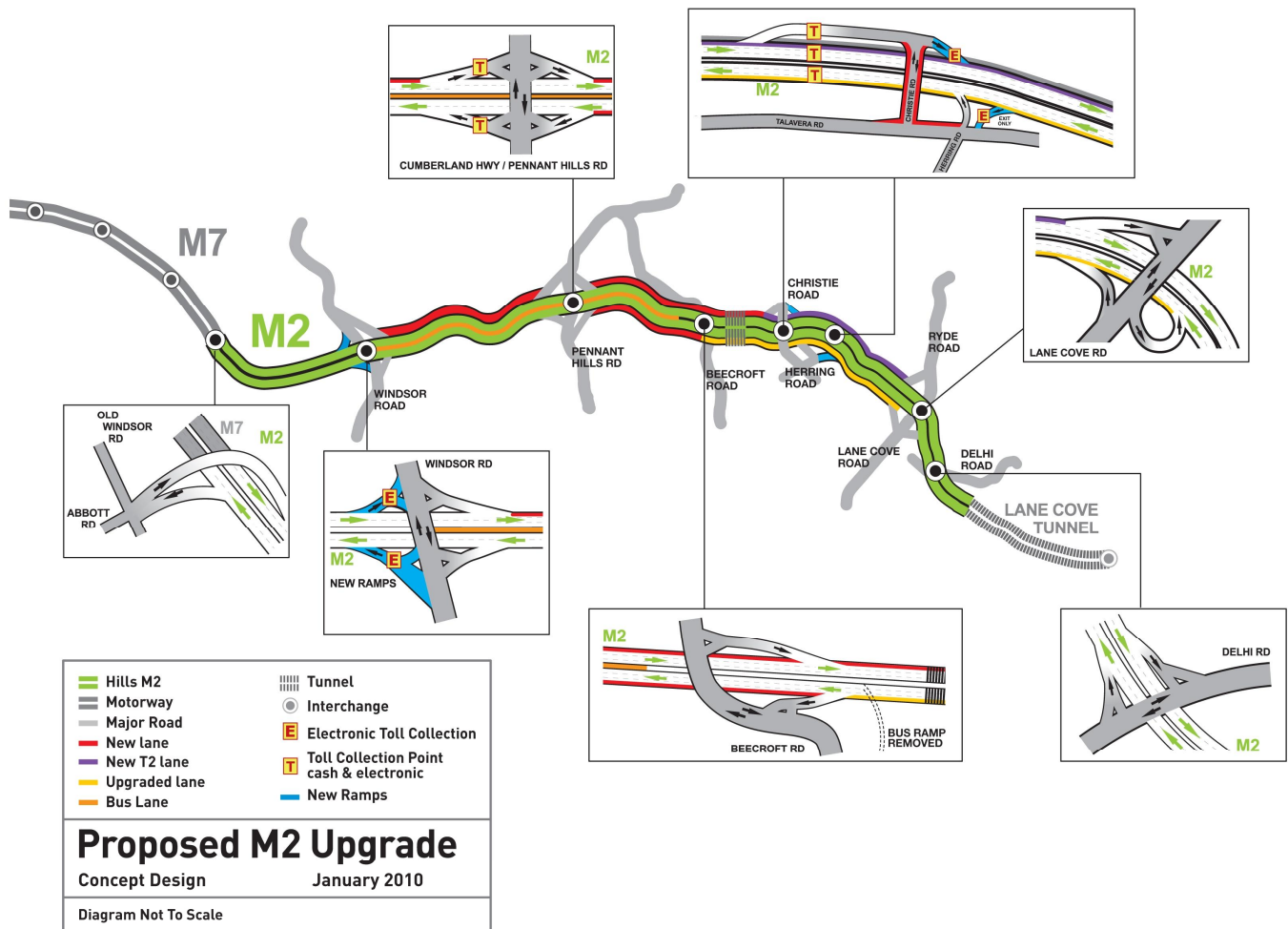
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Next steps

- Detailed design and an environmental assessment of potential project impacts will begin immediately. Construction will only begin if planning approval is granted.
- The M2 Upgrade project will be assessed as a Major Project under Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
- The environmental assessment will be placed on public exhibition in the second quarter of 2010 at which time comments will be invited.
- Should planning approval be granted, construction would commence in late 2010 and would be completed in about two years.

For more information

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Comments or questions

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