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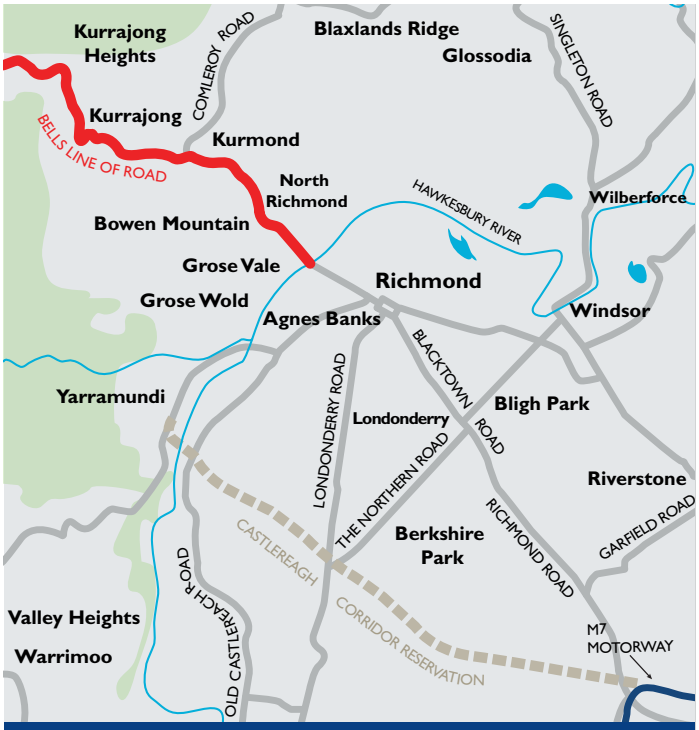
Bells Line of Road long term strategic corridor plan



Locality map of Sydney motorway network and Bells Line of Road near Kurrajong Heights.

The Australian and NSW governments have completed a long term strategic plan for the Bells Line of Road corridor.

The plan recommends commencing the planning to reserve a road corridor for a future upgrade linking the Bells Line of Road near Kurrajong Heights with the Sydney motorway network. It also identifies the need for safety and traffic improvements for the existing route.

Planning for the Bells Line of Road Corridor

With input from the community and all levels of government, Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) has prepared the long term strategic corridor plan (the plan) to identify priorities for the next 20 years and beyond.

The plan considers:

- Community ideas and opinions.
- Traffic and land use forecasts.
- Transport and engineering factors.
- Environmental, physical and social constraints.
- Road safety and network issues.
- Short, medium and long term issues.

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What happens next?

The Draft NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan, which was released on 4 September 2012 for community comment, includes action to protect a corridor for future long term road needs between the Bells Line of Road and the Sydney motorway network. The final NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan will be released later this year. Corridor identification has also been recommended by Infrastructure NSW in the State Infrastructure Strategy 2012-2032, published in early October 2012. The timeframe for commencing planning to reserve a road corridor between the Bells Line of Road and the Sydney motorway network has yet to be determined.

In early 2013, RMS will commence the four reviews of the existing Bells Line of Road that are identified next steps in the plan. The four reviews comprise:

- Identifying safety issues and prioritising preferred safety measures.
- Assessing overtaking opportunities and prioritising identified improvements.
- Evaluating intersections in relation to safety and performance and prioritising identified improvements.
- Assessing local access arrangements in relation to safety and prioritising identified opportunities for improvements.

The outcome of these reviews will provide the detail to enable consideration of future funding to implement identified improvements.

To read a copy of the plan

Copies of the plan are available on the project website or by visiting the following locations:

- Richmond Motor Registry
- Richmond Community Centre
- North Richmond Community Centre
- Hawkesbury City Council
- Penrith City Council
- Blue Mountains City Council
- Bilpin District Hall
- Lithgow City Council
- Lithgow Motor Registry
- Bathurst Motor Registry
- Orange Motor Registry
- Dubbo Motor Registry
- Parkes Motor Registry

Richmond Bridge and approaches congestion study
Separately, planning is underway for short and long term improvements for Richmond Bridge and approaches. For more information visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects or contact 1800 633 332.

Thank you to all participants

Feedback from community members and stakeholders has improved the planning process.

The local knowledge, ideas and opinions shared with us influenced the priorities of tasks and timeframes recommended in the plan.

Involving the community in the plan

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