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WSROC welcomes commitment to Western Sydney light rail

The President of the Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (WSROC), Cllr Tony Hadchiti has applauded the NSW Government for recognising Western Sydney's congested north-south corridor as a key priority in announcing the priority routes for the proposed Western Sydney Light Rail.

"The four routes shortlisted today show the Government recognises the need to improve travel along the north-south corridor which currently experiences bottlenecks due to limited public transport and traffic congestion", Cllr Hadchiti said.

"Western Sydney will see approximately 1 million new residents in the next 20 years, meaning the increased demand for transport services will be immense, particularly in the outer-west.

"The Government's commitment of $400 million towards these feasibility studies justifies Parramatta Council's vision in putting up the initial $1 million towards a concept plan and shows councils can work in partnership with the State Government to deliver key infrastructure initiatives," said Cllr Hadchiti.

"This is a fantastic example of the collaboration sought by the NSW Government's Fit for the Future program.

"The inclusion of a line linking Castle Hill and Bankstown recognises that not all jobs are located in the Sydney CBD and will provide a useful link between two of the region's fastest growing job centres in Parramatta and Bankstown," he said.

"The aim of this light rail system should be to establish Parramatta as Sydney's second CBD and connect outer-suburbs with key services and employment hubs such as Sydney Business Park, the University of Western Sydney and Westmead Hospital," he said.

"Doing so would reduce the need for residents from outer suburbs to travel to the city, cutting commuting times, easing congestion and improving quality of life for the people of Western Sydney.

"The allocation of extra funding to fast-track the first stages of this project was justified and we hope it represents an ongoing commitment to combatting Western Sydney's infrastructure backlog," said Cllr Hadchiti.

"We look forward to seeing stage two of the light rail system which should focus on the outer North West and South West growth centres. These areas currently have limited public transport services and will house the bulk of future population growth," he said.

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