Community Information Sessions

Gerringong to Bomaderry
Princes Highway Upgrade

February 2007
Agenda – 6.00pm to 8.30pm

• Welcome and Introduction
• Progress update (RTA)
• Project outline (Maunsell)
• Clarification questions
• Information gathering
• Information collation
• Close
Session etiquette

- Length of meeting – approx. 2 hours
- Mobile phones – off please
- Everyone’s views are being sought
- Speak one at a time
- Listen and hear others
- Refreshments – Information gathering session
Background (1)

- First Community Update March 2006 generated awareness of the project
- Workshops and Displays in Gerringong, Berry and Bomaderry May 2006 introduced the project to the community
- Community identified key issues as well as preferred communication methods through the “Have your say” survey
- Community Update September 2006 summarised survey results and answered some questions about the project
Planning Focus Meeting and Pretender Meeting September 2006
Maunsell appointed in December 2006 to undertake the options and route selection study
Formation of Aboriginal Focus Groups February 2007
Study parameters

- **No preferred route has been identified**
- Regular and ongoing community involvement
- Implement **process** to identify alternative routes and preferred route
- Carry out concept design and environmental assessment
- Study area generally defined
Why upgrade the Princes Highway?

- Improve road safety, particularly from Gerringong to Berry
- Growing traffic flows
- Reduce travel time between Kiama and Nowra
- Improve urban environment in Berry, Gerringong and Gerroa
- Provide “certainty” for community on location of preferred route
What could the road look like?

- Two lanes in each direction with median separation
- Like North Kiama Bypass and Northern Distributor
- Controlled access
- Design for 100 km/h driving speed
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- Maunsell – presentation outline
  - Who / what is Maunsell
  - Our team
  - Our ‘assignment’
  - Key issues
  - Process
  - Community involvement
Maunsell

- Global engineering consulting firm
- 26,000 employees world wide
- Experience in transport, power, environment, mining and industry sectors
- Undertaken similar studies most recently on the Pacific Highway
Maunsell key personnel

- Richard Merrett: project manager
- Jon Williamson: assistant project manager
- Sigrid Sanderson: team leader social and community
- Michael Daly: team leader engineering
- Gillian Eckert: team leader environmental
- Kerry Morrison: community liaison manager
- Ann-Marie Mulligan: community consultation
- Denise Connors: community consultation
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- Supported by specialist sub-consultants
  - Biosis: flora and fauna
  - Ecology Lab: water quality
  - Bassett: noise and vibration
  - EDAW: urban design and landscape
  - Navin Officer: indigenous and non-indigenous heritage
  - B-cubed: social impacts
  - Hard & Forester: survey
  - Holmes Air Sciences: air quality
Project overview

- Route selection, concept design and environmental assessment
- 32 km
- Kiama and Shoalhaven Councils
- Gerringong, Berry and Bomaderry communities
- RTA history of investigations and community involvement
- Consultation with relevant government authorities and local aboriginal groups
Project key issues

- **Social**
  - Community
  - Land use
  - Access – private and public
  - Economic and business impacts
  - Tourism and local amenities

- **Environment**
  - Ecology, flora and fauna
  - Noise, vibration and air quality
  - European heritage
  - Indigenous heritage

- **Engineering**
  - Traffic issues and road safety
  - Visual and aesthetics / urban design and landscape
  - Terrain / landform
  - Ground conditions
  - Flooding, drainage and water quality
  - Existing infrastructure – eastern gas pipeline, railway line
Study process

1. Study area investigations to identify key issues
2. Identify and examine possible route corridors
3. Shortlist to feasible route corridors & display
4. Detailed investigation on feasible routes
5. Identify, display & approve preferred route
6. Concept design and environmental assessment
What is the process to select the preferred route?

• Preferred route is selected based on balancing impacts on:
  – Social and community
  – Environmental
  – Economics
  – Engineering

• Route recommended to the RTA and Minister for Roads
Community involvement

- Community update – January 07 (~11,000)
- Letter to all properties within the area of investigation (~2,500)
- Community information sessions
- Freecall 1800 506 976
- Have your say forms
- Gerringong_to_Bomaderry@maunsell.com
- www.rta.nsw.gov.au
Community involvement

- Community updates (quarterly)
- Route options display (mid-late 2007)
- Preferred route display (end 2007/early 2008)
- Concept design display (mid-late 2008)
- Environmental assessment display (early-mid 2009)
Clarification questions
Issue categories

- Traffic issues and road safety
- Access and public utilities
- Environmental issues and heritage
- Flooding and drainage
- Agricultural land and dairy industry impacts
- Real estate and economic impacts
- Social impacts, community division, local amenity and scenic attraction
- Other
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