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MAJOR MILESTONE FOR PARRAMATTA LIGHT RAIL STAGE 2

The NSW Government is encouraging communities to have their say on the Environmental Impact Statement for Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 to help shape the final design for this once-in-ageneration transport project.

Minister for Transport, Veterans and Western Sydney David Elliott said Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 (PLR 2) would transform how people move around the region and the public exhibition of the EIS was a perfect opportunity for the community to learn more about the project and provide feedback.

"The Parramatta Light Rail extension would link Stage 1 and the Parramatta CBD with the entertainment and sport precinct of Sydney Olympic Park, delivering a much-needed public transport solution to connect Greater Parramatta to the Olympic Peninsula (GPOP)," Mr Elliott said.

"GPOP is one of the fastest growing areas in the Central River City, and this project will deliver significant improvements across Western Sydney by connecting great people with great places while supporting jobs and housing growth."

Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes Anthony Roberts said Western Sydney communities will be reaping the benefits of a modern, world-class transport system.

"Placing the EIS on public exhibition is a vital part of the planning process which allows the community to have its say, and helps assess the proposal," Mr Roberts said.

"The proposal will be open for comment until 7 December 2022, and I encourage everyone to take this opportunity to learn more about the proposal and make a submission."

Member for Parramatta Geoff Lee said PLR 2 would deliver improved transport connectivity for families on their commute to work, education or medical appointments via a safe, modern and reliable system.

"PLR 2 will ultimately provide new services approximately every 7.5 minutes between 7am and 7pm on weekdays and 14 fully accessible stops over a 10-kilometre two-way track. There will be an 8.5-kilometre walking and bike-riding path parallel to the light rail corridor linking to the existing network," Mr Lee said.

Following planning approval construction on PLR 2 will start with enabling works and delivery of the bridge across the Parramatta River between Melrose Park and Wentworth Point.

There will be several opportunities to hear more about the proposal through face-to-face information sessions or via a virtual engagement room.

Visit <u>Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 virtual engagement room</u> for details about information sessions and how to make a submission.

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