Background

Stage 1 – Hospital Connectivity
- Upgrading roads around the new Northern Beaches Hospital commenced in December 2015 with work to be completed in time for the hospital opening (October 2018). This includes road widening along Frenchs Forest Road to two lane dual carriageway, providing access to the new hospital and bus stop upgrades servicing the hospital.
- RMS is working with Health Infrastructure and the contractor Ferrovial York Joint Venture (FYJV).
- On target for hospital public opening in October 2018.

Stage 2 – Network Enhancement
- Construction commenced December 2016 with a focus on the broader road network enhancements including upgrading Warringah Road, the construction of a 1.3 kilometre grade separated underpass and three underpass bridges at the Forest Way, Hilmer Street and Wakehurst Parkway intersections. This work includes key intersection improvements, bus stops upgrades, new shared paths and two new pedestrian bridges.
- Construction of the underpass has commenced between Wakehurst Parkway and Forest Way
- Target completion of Stage 2 - late 2019.

Key upcoming milestones

Stage 1
- May 2018 - The final road surface will be laid on Frenchs Forest Road East between Patanga Road and Romford Road
- May 2018 - Left in Left out from Warringah Road to Hospital
- August 2018 - Frenchs Forest Road East, Frenchs Forest Road West and Naree Road – Work continues to upgrade from single to dual carriageway.

Stage 2
- May 2018 - major traffic switch on Warringah Road (see details in issues below)
- May 2018 - Bantry Bay Road is on schedule to reopen.

Activities in next 4 weeks

- Ferrovial York Joint Venture (FYJV) consulted with residents and businesses regarding working extended weekend hours along Frenchs Forest Road, Naree Road and Forest Way. The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) approved the proposal, which received 87 per cent community agreement. Roads and Maritime has notified the community and extended weekend working hours along Frenchs Forest Road, Forest Way and Naree Road will start on 21 May, until the end of June 2018.
- Work to move traffic signal posts onto temporary blocks along Warringah Road at the Forest Way, Hilmer Street, Wakehurst Parkway and Allambie Road intersections will start from Monday 16 April. This work requires signal blackouts and will take place at night. Police controllers will assume management of the intersections during the blackouts.
• A meeting with Healthscope, FYJV, RMS and Health Infrastructure has been scheduled for 17 April to address the July to October access to the hospital's secondary entrance.

• Major work continues on Frenchs Forest Road East, Frenchs Forest Road West and Naree Road to facilitate dual carriageway construction and re-opening to two way travel.

• Removal of raised threshold and median island in Adams Street east of Forest Way requires property dilapidation reports on surrounding properties. Property owners have been notified and the project team is arranging inspections with residents for as soon as possible. Inspections expected completed within the next few weeks. Then a date will be scheduled for construction.

• All CCTV camera cabling work is complete. Installation will be progressively completed over next several weeks.

**Key Challenges**

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| Traffic delays and congestion            | • Regular updates with key stakeholders.  
  • RMS has arranged additional project variable message signs to notify road users of major incidents - TMC 131 700.  
  • RMS is working to improve monitoring of the road network within the project area using additional CCTV cameras that are currently being installed.  
  • RMS’s project webpage and a project update is currently being redeveloped to advise the community about the project and its delivery.  
  • There are challenges in delivering a complex project under traffic while maintaining access to what is a key part of the network. For example,  
    o 4000 metres of water mains installed and cut over and,  
    o more than 8 kms of new communications ducts installed and transferred across including more than 30,000 copper pairs and,  
    o a total length of fibre and cables hauled estimated to be more than 100 kms (all underground)  
  • RMS is focussed on completion of Frenchs Forest Road East and West and Naree Road re-opening to two-way traffic in August 2018. This will ease traffic congestion for our customers.  
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| Community perception that progress is slow|                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Long term traffic switch for Stage 2 – Warringah Road | • RMS is working with FYJV in regards to the traffic switch on Warringah Road which will be required to facilitate construction for the underpass. The traffic switch is scheduled to commence in May 2018.  
• Monthly presentations to Northern Beaches Council councillors kicked off in April to brief Council on the project, its status and upcoming major traffic changes. |

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