



## Australian flexible Pavement Association media release

# AfPA welcomes NSW Government Budget to boost roads and looks forward to delivering program of work for the State

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The Australian flexible Pavement Association (AfPA) welcomed the NSW Government's Budget which saw further investment into roads and infrastructure, which are critical to the state's road safety, economic growth and getting jobs across all parts of the State.

The Budget outlined plans for \$108bn in infrastructure spending, including road investment, over the next four years.

As well as advocating for continued investment, AfPA is working with the NSW Government to ensure industry is prepared to deliver work pipelines, which can help to increase productivity, improve collaboration, and mitigate risks of materials or labour constraints. This will improve value for money for the taxpayers.

AfPA Executive Director for NSW Lise Sperling said:

*"It is positive to see the NSW Government recognising the importance of roads and infrastructure for the state's economic prosperity. The road and bridge construction industry contributes \$35bn to the national economy and the government's investment will go a long way to create more jobs and growth for New South Wales."*

*"We strongly support and work closely with the NSW Government to understand how these projects will progress. This will allow industry to prepare accordingly, helping to ensure projects can be completed on time, on budget, and deliver the best outcomes for NSW residents."*

*"We are looking forward to continuing engagement at all levels of government, so that roads and infrastructure remain safe and sustainable."*

[Infrastructure investments](https://budget.nsw.gov.au) (budget.nsw.gov.au)

Infrastructure investments include:

- \$2.7 billion over the next four years for the M6 Stage 1
- \$2.0 billion over the next four years for the Great Western Highway upgrade, co-funded with the Commonwealth, to reduce congestion and deliver safer, more efficient and reliable journeys
- \$1.9 billion over the next four years for WestConnex
- \$1.3 billion over the next four years for the Northern Road upgrade and the M12 Motorway
- \$683.5 million over the next four years for road safety investment



- \$168.7 million over four years to continue planning, design and pre-construction of the Muswellbrook bypass, improving safety on the New England Highway and reducing travel times for long haul freight movements
- \$115.6 million for the construction of Henry Lawson Drive widening between Tower Road, Georges Hall and Auld Avenue, Milperra (Stage 1) to double capacity and reduce congestion and to continue the development of Stage 2 between Keys Parade and the M5 Motorway.