



**Australian Flexible Pavement Association media release**

## **AfPA Welcomes Future Transport Strategy for NSW**

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The Australian Flexible Pavement Association (AfPA) has welcomed Transport NSW's delivery of its Future Transport Strategy, outlining a vision for the State's future connectivity into 2056.

The Strategy, released on the 5th of September, aims to set the course toward a more innovative, multi-modal transport network over the next 40 years. The Strategy sees the Department prioritise more equitable connectivity, improved Safety measures and education, enhanced road and infrastructure resilience, all aligned with a net-zero focus.

Industry peak body, AfPA, has voiced approval for the Strategy, citing its alignment with the Association's own strategic vision and the priorities of its members. Specifically, AfPA has welcomed the following ambitions as particularly critical to the State's transportation network:

- C3. Equitable, accessible and secure transport for all
- C4. Our transport networks are safe
- P3. Transition to net-zero greenhouse gas emissions
- P5. Transport is resilient and adaptable to shocks and stresses
- E1. Freight networks and supply chains are efficient and reliable
- E2. Existing infrastructure is optimised
- E5. Leverage our procurement power for better outcomes

AfPA CEO, Carlos Rial, said:

"AfPA and its members are pleased to see a comprehensive, ambitious vision for the State's future which accounts for its evolving needs in both metropolitan and regional areas. The Department's recognition of the need to balance sustainability, maintenance, safety and education is particularly encouraging.

"AfPA has worked to deliver industry education, sustainability framework scorecards, innovative measures to protect motorists and road workers and advocated for both improved maintenance pipelines and greater collaboration amongst governments. We hope to be able to work together with the NSW Government to continue to deliver on these priorities."

Lise Sperling, Executive Director NSW/ACT, said:

"Recent weather events, the pandemic and economic volatility have made it clear that the State needs a comprehensive, long-term vision to keep our communities connected reliably. This vision goes a long way to outlining the work required to future-proof and improve our transport network."