



### What's needed?

The NSW Government is requested to work collaboratively with Central Coast Council to develop infrastructure improvement plans for State owned infrastructure that support Council's CBD objectives.

Key stakeholders include Central Coast Local Health District, Roads and Maritime Service, Department of Planning, Transport for NSW and NSW Department of Education and Communities.

Central Coast Council will provide project development resources and oversee infrastructure operation and maintenance arrangements. Central Coast Council is in a favourable position for the development of multi-agency submissions for State and Federal government funding opportunities.

## REGIONAL ROADS & TRANSPORT

### ETNA STREET & DONNISON STREET BRIDGES

### Description

Key road and bridge improvements within Gosford CBD are critical to the growth, development, functioning and operation of the Gosford City centre. Improvements to CBD road infrastructure will reinforce the city's relationship to its landscape setting, improving urban amenity, providing safe and efficient roads and pedestrian access.

Recent changes in the location of key amenities such as the relocation of the Gosford Public School has meant that traffic flows over the Etna Street and Donnison Street bridges is currently nearing capacity. The increased population growth and the locations adjacent to Gosford Train Station have also increased the traffic flow in this area. Estimated budget for this project is \$150 million.

Issues surrounding traffic management in the Gosford CBD are expected to be compounded with increased traffic flow expected due to:

- Additional staff and patients with the redevelopment of Gosford Hospital.
- Establishment of the Central Coast Medical School & Research Institute.
- Revitalisation of the Gosford Waterfront and Gosford CBD.
- Construction of the Regional Performing Arts & Conference Centre.



## What's been done?

Central Coast Council has adopted a Gosford City Centre Civic Improvement Plan (2007) which is a 30 year program of regeneration. A development levy, to be applied to city centre development, will provide partial funding towards these projects. Funds for upgrades to State infrastructure are also required.

## Description (cont.)

The concept design of options for the Gosford Etna Street Railway Overbridge Replacement and Showground Road Grade Separation including the assessment of traffic demand outlined that the requirements for the replacement bridge, states that it should have five traffic lanes of 3.5m wide each, and two footpaths at each side of minimum 1.8m wide. Any option considered for bridge replacement should minimise the construction activities on site to reduce the disruptions to users.

## Benefits

- This infrastructure will foster a stronger economic environment and employment opportunities.
- Improve land usage / large scale development.
- Maximise usage of existing utility infrastructure.
- Increase local employment opportunities and reduce the need to commute outside the region.
- Improve local economy.

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