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Project	Pacific Highway Upgrade Project	From	Melanie Layton
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Venue/Date/Time	Thursday 1 March 2007, 7pm – 9pm Kundabung Hall, Kundabung Road, Kundabung	Job No	21/13305

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1. Introductions and welcome

Melanie Layton introduced the study team:

Stephen Williamson – RTA Project Manager

Peter Steele – GHD Project Manager

Melanie Layton – Community Relations Representative

2. Overview of proposed access and interchange arrangements

Stephen Williamson gave an overview of the project and preferred corridor, as well as proposed access and interchange arrangements.

3. Feedback / questions from the group

Q. Is RTA aware they may need to move cable lines?

A. Yes, RTA is aware this may need to happen.

Q. What is a crossover? Is that over or under the highway?

A. A crossover is at the same level as the highway.

Q. What capacity of truck does the interchange allow for?

A. It allows for semi-trailers, and possible B-Doubles.

Q. What is the merging distance when driving onto the highway, 100 or 110?

A. The distance is dependent on the grade of the road, the entry speed to the merge lane and the highway maximum speed, however typical distances can range from 300 to 500m?

Q. When entering Bargo Road from the highway, how will the school Bus get across the highway?

A. The highway will make allowances for school busses at designate U-turn facilities on the highway. No Child will have to cross the highway to get home from school.



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Q. How will noise be addressed?

A. The RTA through GHD is undertaking noise monitoring and modelling and appropriate noise mitigation methods will be used to ensure the road complies with relevant standards.

Q. How will traffic head South from Smith Creeks Road?

A. In the A Class scenario there will be direct access through a seagull intersection at grade. In the M Class scenario traffic will need to travel north to the over bridge at Kundabung Road.

Q. How will traffic head into Ravenswood Road if travelling from the North?

A. Traffic will leave the highway via the south Kempsey Interchange, which will be constructed as part of the Kempsey to Eungai project, then travel south along the old highway Ravenswood Road. This will require the construction of two short lengths of new service road.

Q. What allowances have been made for busses?

A. Detailed investigation for the buses is being undertaken now and the bus companies will be consulted in detail. Generally the provisions will be just off the travel lanes of the highway to provide safe locations and consideration will be given to required pedestrian movements to ensure that pedestrians do not cross the highway.

Q. How will traffic travel in and out of Mingaletta Road?

A. Mingaletta Road will be left in left out only for the A Class scenario. This will require some travel in the wrong direction for traffic trying to access Mingaletta road from the south and leaving Mingaletta Road to the north. There will be u-turn bays at approximately 2.5km spacings.

Q. What is the difference between a freeway and a motorway?

A. In the context of the Pacific Highway Upgrade Project they are the same.

Q. If the highway is a motorway, will a toll come in?

A. At this stage funding is being provided by the NSW State Government and the Federal Government, under this arrangement remains the road will be toll free.

Q. At present all communication is concentrating on a Class A scenario. When does the public hear about a Class M scenario, when this could come in first?

A. The A Class scenario will be the first to be implemented, due to the



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funding and traffic volumes. It will be at least 20 years before the M Class will be implemented. At the moment there is a requirement to ensure that the land acquisition boundaries for the Class M scenario are defined, the focus this evening is on the A Class scenario to ensure that the initial arrangement is understood and issues are identified and considered.

Q. How will traffic travel from Wharf Road heading North to Kempsey?

A. Wharf road will be a left in left out arrangement, so traffic travelling north, will need to travel south, and then turn around at upper Smiths Creek Road.

Q. Is there a chance of opening Rodeo Drive?

A. There is a possibility that Rodeo Drive could be opened. This will be looked at during Concept Design stage.

Q. Will the access roads be gravel or bitumen?

A. Access roads will be bitumen.

Q. How long will the highway take to build?

A. Construction will be staged and could take up to 3-5 years.

Q. When will we know where U-turns are going?

A. The finalised locations of the U-turn bays will be displayed in the Environmental Display period.

Q. Will there be access from the highway to Old Coast Road?

A. There will be no direct access to Old Coast Road from the highway, however access will be available from the South Kempsey Interchange along the old highway.

Q. How will traffic travel from Old Coast Road turn right to head South?

A. Traffic will need to travel approximately 2km north to the South Kempsey Interchange, then travel south.

Q. Will the rest area stay at Kundabung?

A. There will be a rest area around the Kundabung area. We will not know the exact location until after concept design.

Q. Will there be a service centre, similar to the Donut, at Kundabung?

A. There more than likely wont be one at Kundabung, as the Distance between Kundabung and the Donut does not warrant another service centre.



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A resident complained that a subcontractor parked across his driveway will doing works, and requested that he be advised when works are taking place.

Noted

A resident mentioned that RTA asked him to take down a 4 Sale sign as it was affecting the view of motorists.

Resident was advised to contact RTA in Port Macquarie to discuss further.

Q. Will the maps be available on the website?

A. Not at this stage. These are the preliminary stages of the design.

Q. When does the RTA purchase property?

A. RTA purchases property approximately 2 years before the RTA requires it.

Close of meeting

Melanie Layton reminded stakeholders that the community will be kept informed of the project and any future meetings.

Melanie Layton thanked everyone for attending the Community Information Session.

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