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Transport Master Plan recognises importance of Sydney Airport precinct

- **Pinch points plan will alleviate congestion around Sydney Airport**
- **Public transport options should be expanded to give customers more choice**

Sydney Airport welcomed the release of the draft NSW Transport Master Plan, saying the report recognised the urgent need to improve access to the airport.

“Just 15 per cent of people using the airport travel by public transport, compared to about 40 per cent to Heathrow and the report recognises that we could easily increase this by putting in place some simple solutions,” Sydney Airport chief executive officer Kerrie Mather said.

“We have been working closely with Transport for NSW on a precinct plan for the airport and I’m pleased to see that many of the solutions we have advocated have been included in the report.

“There will be an additional 480,000 people living in the wider subregion in the next 20 years, yet public transport to the airport remains limited, with only one bus route to the airport.

“The report recognises that public transport options to the airport involve multiple connections and are inconvenient for the majority of people, pushing many towards private vehicles or taxis.

“We support any plan to increase choice for customers to access the airport and look forward to working with government on achieving the recommendations in the master plan.

“Sydney Airport is the only airport in Australia with a train service direct from the terminals to the city in less than 15 minutes and it should be maximised as a convenient option for passengers.

“The pinch points plan to establish O’Riordan and Bourke streets as one-way pairs will free up access to the airport in the peak periods.

“This plan provides realistic short and long-term measures to improve transport around the airport and increase options when it comes to travelling to and from the airport.

“Close to 100,000 passengers use the airport every day, plus their meeters and greeters. When you consider the amount of additional public transport that is provided for major events half this size, it’s clear that improving access to the airport will have benefits for the entire network.”