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TENDER CALLED FOR MAJOR DESIGN WORKS FOR NORTH WEST RAIL LINK

Transport Minister Gladys Berejiklian today announced a major tender has been called to help finalise design and operations options for the North West Rail Link.

The successful tenderer for engineering, rail systems and architecture services will form an integral part of the North West Rail Link Project Team, providing ongoing technical expertise to ensure the end product meets the needs of commuters and the community.

“The O’Farrell Government is pressing ahead with the North West Rail Link, and this is another step in the process of fast-tracking this vital piece of infrastructure,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“The families and the businesses of the North West have waited long enough, and that’s why the O’Farrell Government is determined to deliver this rail link as soon as possible,” she said.

“The successful tenderer will undertake development design studies such as rail systems, tunnelling assessments, station infrastructure planning, rail safety and risk assessments.”

The studies will include a review of all previous design and planning work on the project. Further tenders are being prepared for masterplanning and urban design services, geotechnical advisory services, geotechnical site investigations and land survey.

“There is overwhelming business and community support for fast-tracking the North West Rail Link,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“The construction of the North West Rail Link will not only benefit local residents and businesses, all of Sydney will benefit from the removal of cars from roads and buses in the CBD.

“This 23-kilometre link will provide rail access to areas including Rouse Hill, Castle Hill and the Norwest Business Park, making it easier for residents and commuters to get around,” Ms Berejiklian said.

The tenders will be advertised and placed on the NSW Government eTendering website, <https://tenders.nsw.gov.au/>. Tenders close on 13 June 2011.

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