

# Pacific Highway Iluka Road to Woodburn Upgrade

Roads and Traffic Authority

# Agenda



## Presentations:

- Mark Eastwood, RTA Senior Project Manager
- Peter Black, Iluka Road - Woodburn RTA Project Manager
- Tim Paterson, Connell Wagner Project Leader

## Small Group Discussions

- Key issues / concerns

## Feedback, Q & A

# Welcome and Introductions



Mark Eastwood  
*Senior Project Manager RTA Pacific Highway Office*

Peter Black  
*RTA Project Development Manager*

*Iluka Road - Woodburn*

# Pacific Highway Program and Objectives



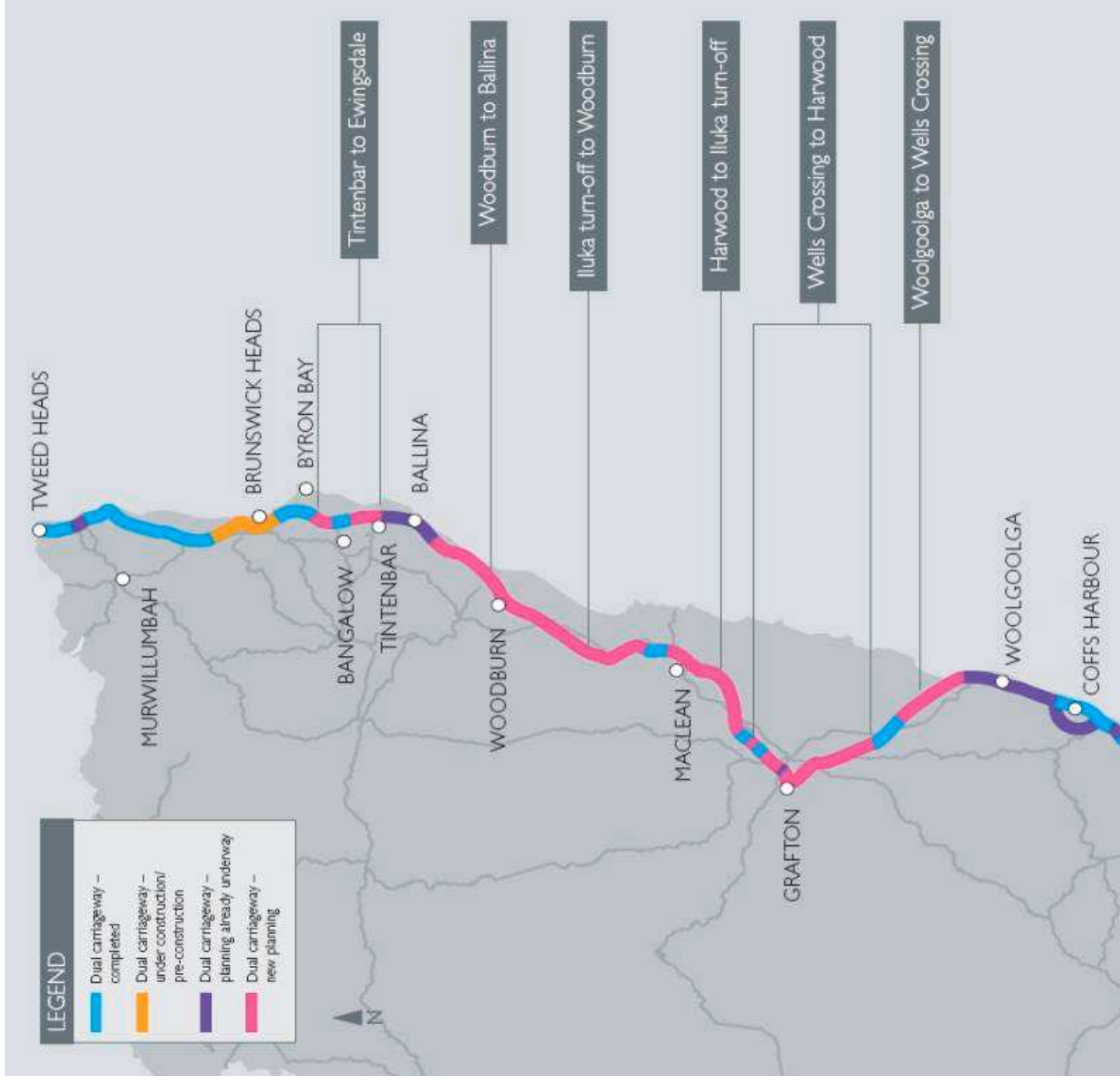
*Mark Eastwood*

*Senior Project Manager, RTA Pacific*

*Highway Office*



# Upgrading the Pacific Highway – Key Date: Preferred route and concept design by July 2006



# Why are we fast-tracking the Upgrading Program



Increasing pressure to accelerate completion of dual  
carriageway :

- » Road crashes involving fatalities still high
- » Increased travel demand from:
  - Rapid growth on the North Coast
  - Interstate traffic
- » Loss of amenity to local communities
  - Highway noise
  - Local/Through traffic interaction

# Overview of the Pacific Highway Upgrading Program



- › Planning for this project is being funded by the State Government as part of its \$1.6 billion contribution to the ten year upgrading program (\$2.2 billion total)
- › Future (Beyond 10 Year Program):
  - » State Government has given a commitment to continue upgrading
  - » Federal Government has recently released AusLink White Paper which :
    - » - maintains \$60 million/year for years 9 and 10 of the current program
    - increase contribution to \$160 million /year over the following 3 years

# Pacific Highway Upgrading Program Objectives



## Hexham to Queensland Border

- ✓ Improve traffic safety
- ✓ Improve travel times
- ✓ Involves the community
- ✓ A route that supports economic development
- ✓ Considers the environment
- ✓ Achieves value for money

Iluka Road to Woodburn  
Upgrade



*Peter Black*  
*Project Development Manager*  
*Iluka Road to Woodburn*  
Pacific Highway Office, RTA

# Pacific Highway Upgrading Purpose



## Why are we here?

- ✓ Introduce the project
- ✓ Involve the community

# Pacific Highway Upgrading Study Area



# So what is a study area?

# Study Area



Approx. 35 km of  
existing highway

State Forest

Floodplain

Grazing lands

Sugar cane farms



# Iluka Road to Woodburn Key Project Objectives



- ✓ Reduce crash rates
- ✓ 110 km/h design speed
- ✓ Minimise access points
- ✓ Reduce delays particularly flooding

# Iluka Road to Woodburn Key Project Objectives



- ✓ Minimise traffic noise, intrusion, severance and access patterns
- ✓ Minimise impacts on existing commercial facilities
- ✓ Minimise the effects on the natural environment

# Pacific Highway Upgrading Community Involvement



# Commitment to Consultation

# Pacific Highway Upgrading Successful Consultation



- What is successful consultation?
- ✓ The community is involved early
  - ✓ A cross section of the community are involved
  - ✓ When consultation is one of many influences on the process
  - ✓ The community needs and issues are considered
  - ✓ When communication is two-way

# Iluka Road to Woodburn Upgrade



*Tim Paterson*

*Project Leader*

Connell Wagner

# The Project Team



Connell Wagner project team

Working with RTA to develop the project

Main work streams:

- civil engineering
- environment
- communications / community consultation

Aim for project approval by mid-late 2006

# Planning Process and Timing



## 2-year program

### Key Milestones:

- Route options display by mid 2005
- Preferred route concept display late 2005
- Environmental assessment on public display mid 2006
- Final approved project exhibit by end 2006

# Preliminary List of Issues



- Soft ground conditions
- Flood prone land
- Local / State Forest access
- Land use and property impacts
- Service road provision
- Road safety issues
- Ecology

# Community Involvement



## Information Sources:

- RTA Website: [www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific)
- Telephone Information Line 1800 258 118
- Community Update newsletters
- email: [ilukatowoodburn@conwag.com](mailto:ilukatowoodburn@conwag.com)

## Project mailing list

## Community Liaison Group(s)

- nomination forms available here tonight

## Community Information Sessions

# What Are Your Issues and Concerns?



Small Group Discussions

Feedback

Questions and Answers

# Community Liaison Group(s)



Joining a CLG is a long-term commitment

- minimum 7 CLG meetings throughout the project (ie over next 2 years)

Purpose of CLG:

- focus on key issues and specific localities
- formal communication path between RTA / project team and local community
- Build trust, cement relationships

Community Information Sessions: less frequent, less formal, open to all

# Where to From Here?



## Complete Project Start-up phase:

- familiarisation, key issues, who affected?, confirm project scope, process

## Commence technical investigations

## Develop options

## Continue to share information

## Convene first CLG first meeting