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MEDIA RELEASE

EXTRA SERVICES FOR NORTH SHORE AND NORTHERN BEACHES

Train, ferry and bus customers on the North Shore and Northern Beaches will benefit from additional services and better connections under timetable changes to be introduced by the NSW Government, Minister for Transport Gladys Berejiklian announced today.

Sydney Ferries to and from Mosman and Neutral Bay will be restored to a half-hourly service; additional weekday services will run on CityRail's Northern and North Shore lines; and Sydney Buses timetables will be changed to ensure connections with ferries continue.

Ms Berejiklian said the updated rail timetable would introduce 20 new weekly services and help create a more efficient network for customers.

"Changes to the Northern and North Shore lines include earlier arrival and departure times on selected weekday morning and afternoon peak services, off peak and weekend services, plus a number of new services," she said.

New services for Northern and North Shore customers include:

- New 8.21am North Shore Line service from Parramatta to North Sydney;
- New 8.40am Northern Line Chatswood to Epping via Strathfield service;
- New 10am North Shore Line service from Parramatta to Hornsby; and
- New 4.57pm North Shore Line North Sydney to Parramatta

Ms Berejiklian said the timetable changes would also mean better connections for bus passengers.

"Sydney Buses timetables have been adjusted to ensure services continue to meet ferries at wharves, following revisions to ferry timetables.

"Specifically, the changes will result in Route 225 bus services - Cremorne Point Wharf to Neutral Bay - departing up to five minutes later from Cremorne Point Wharf.

"In addition, weekend Route 247 services departing Athol Wharf to Taronga Zoo will be re-numbered to Route 238. This will now be consistent with the weekday bus numbering for Athol Wharf bus services.

“There will also be some minor changes to the timetabled journey times of some afternoon school bus services on the lower North Shore.

“All affected schools have been informed and material will be provided to help them to communicate these changes to students and parents.

“In addition, a number of lower North Shore and Northern Beaches bus services will also have minor timetable adjustments,” Ms Berejiklian said.

Ms Berejiklian said the restoration of ferry services cut by the previous Labor Government was in direct response to community feedback.

“The reinstated Mosman and Neutral Bay services are part of a package of 165 additional ferry services across the network,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“Amongst those are 140 which were slashed by Labor.

“We are determined to provide more services across the network and to increase public transport patronage.

“You can’t get more people out of their cars and onto public transport unless you are providing them with the services they need.”

Ms Berejiklian said weekday off-peak ferry services for Mosman and Neutral Bay would now run every 30 minutes, instead of every 60 minutes, providing an extra 14 additional services each weekday to these destinations.

The Sydney Ferries changes will apply to services between 9.30am and 3.30pm on weekdays effective Monday 24 October, 2011, while revised timetables for CityRail and Sydney Buses will come into effect the previous day.

Train, bus and ferry customers can download timetable information from www.131500.com.au from today or call 131500 for information.

Paper copies of new Sydney Bus timetables are also available from the Circular Quay Customer Information Centre and TransitShops in the CBD, while timetables can be picked up from ferry wharves or train stations from 12 October.