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Greater Western Sydney regional transportation study: Forecasting travel demand

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ABSTRACT

This paper is based on a consulting project undertaken for the Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (WSROC) to help understand the travel demand patterns that might arise from various land use and transport infrastructure scenarios in Western Sydney.

The Western Sydney Regional Transportation Study has been part of the investigations undertaken to inform the planning framework for Western Sydney. The first stage of the study examined current travel patterns in Greater Western Sydney (GWS). The second stage modelled various possible future scenarios for the distribution of population and employment and the development of transport infrastructure and services.

This paper reports on the modelling process and interprets the findings of these investigations with a view to identifying some strategic issues and possible directions for employment location and transport planning in the region.

The paper does not come to any definitive conclusions, but lays out some of the strategic choices available and the implications of moving in one direction or another. It is intended both to inform the understanding of what would be a desirable future for GWS and to help develop the framework for action in Western Sydney towards this end.

The full study will be released by WSROC on 27th February 2004 via the website:-
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