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Fixing Congestion Creating Jobs

PLAN FOR THE EASTERN SUBURBS



A Fresh Approach for WA

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WA Labor's Plan for the Eastern Suburbs

WA Labor will bring a fresh approach to WA, and a comprehensive plan for jobs.

Building METRONET will create thousands of construction jobs and apprenticeships for Western Australians. The building of METRONET rail cars will create ongoing jobs and apprenticeships.

The Liberals' broken promises on public transport have created a congestion crisis that damages our economy and costs jobs.

METRONET will be a world class public transport system that works. The Morley-Ellenbrook Line will be the centrepiece of WA Labor's plan for the eastern suburbs, that will deliver road, rail and bus infrastructure to fight congestion and create jobs.

WA Labor will ensure that all jobs created through our plan for the eastern suburbs go to Western Australians first.



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A McGowan Labor Government will address the congestion crisis facing the eastern suburbs and will:

METRONET

- Commence the Morley-Ellenbrook Line with construction to commence in 2019.
- Build six new train stations at Morley, Noranda, Malaga, Bennett Springs, Whiteman and Ellenbrook.
- Develop the Bayswater Precinct as part of the construction of the Morley-Ellenbrook Line.
- Complete the Forrestfield-Airport Line as part of METRONET and provide connecting bus services from surrounding areas, including Kalamunda.
- Build a new Midland train station east towards Cale Street as part of a new development precinct near the Midland Hospital and extend the line to Bellevue.
- Remove the dangerous level crossing at Caledonian Avenue.
- Create 3,556 new jobs during the construction of these projects.

Fixing Our Roads

- Complete the NorthLink Project
- Build a new overpass at the intersection of Wanneroo Road and Joondalup Drive.
- Build a new overpass at Ocean Reef Road and Wanneroo Road including a dedicated bus lane.
- Increase the freight on rail subsidy from \$30 to \$50 per TEU which will take more than 36,000 truck movements off suburban roads each year.

Bus Services

- Coordinate connecting bus services to the Airport Rail Line.
- Improve connectivity of bus and train services.

METRONET

Extending Rail Services to Ellenbrook

METRONET's rail line to Morley and Ellenbrook is needed to fix the growing congestion problem in Perth's expanding north eastern suburbs and create thousands of jobs.

The Morley-Ellenbrook Line will be one of the key first priority lines to be built under METRONET to create an integrated and coordinated transport system.

- **A McGowan Labor Government will commence the Morley-Ellenbrook Line with construction to commence in 2019.**

The need for the Morley-Ellenbrook rail line exists now. A rail line to the north eastern suburbs is the missing spoke in Perth's rail network. Ellenbrook and the north eastern suburbs need METRONET.

METRONET would take thousands of cars off the road, freeing up traffic for those who have to drive.

The Morley-Ellenbrook line would finally link the north eastern corridor and provide the catalyst to activate Morley as a METROHUB under Labor's plan.

By 2026, the population of Ellenbrook and the Swan Urban Growth Corridor is expected to rise from 49,000 in 2016 to more than 85,700 people. Depending on the final route, by 2026 the total catchment of the Morley-Ellenbrook line will be at least 200,000 people.

Six Stations to Service the Ellenbrook line

While the planning phase will determine the exact route, it is expected the initial section of the Ellenbrook line will travel along the Tonkin Highway media strip.

- **A McGowan Labor Government will build six new train stations at Morley, Noranda, Malaga, Bennett Springs, Whiteman and Ellenbrook.**

Morley Station

A train station will be built in the proximity of Walter Road in Morley to connect with the Morley town centre including the Galleria shopping centre. The specific station design and location will be undertaken in consultation with the City of Bayswater. The 950 rapid bus will connect the Galleria to the station.

Noranda Station

A station will be built in the proximity of Benara Road to service the surrounding suburbs.

Malaga Station

The 650 hectare Malaga district is a huge employment hub with more than 3,000 businesses and more than 15,500 people working there. A train station will be constructed to service the area on Government-owned land in the vicinity of Marshall Road. The land surrounding the proposed station will also be developed as a residential precinct.

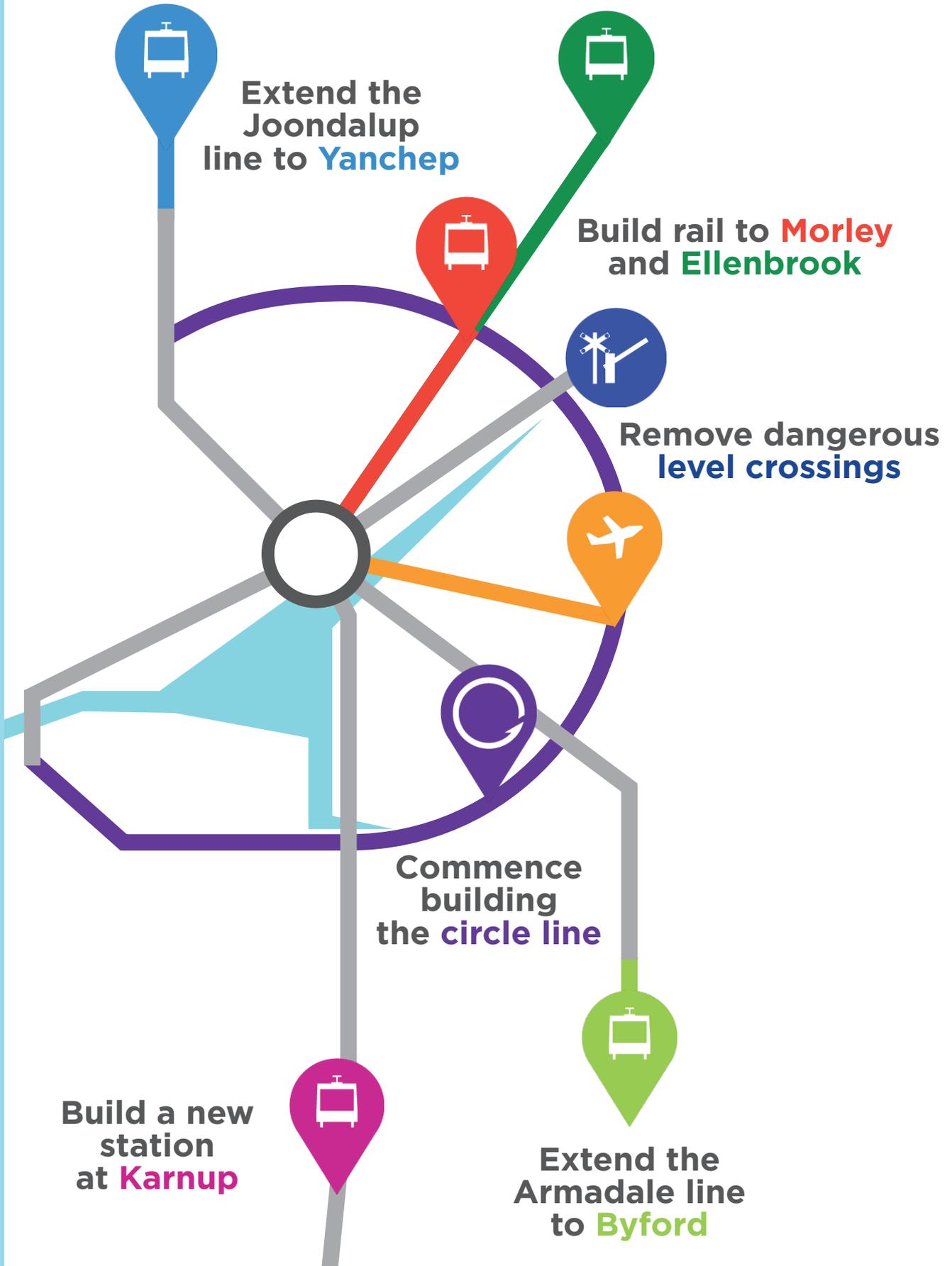
Bennett Springs Station

A train station will be constructed at Bennett Springs on a parcel of land currently zoned 'urban deferred'.

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In consultation with the local community and Local Government Authority, the area around the new station will be urbanised in keeping with the City of Swan's Urban Growth Corridor Sub-Regional Structure Plan. This station will also service Dayton.

Whiteman Park Station

A train station will be constructed to service visitors to Whiteman Park, and residents of the suburbs of Brabham and Henley Brook.

Ellenbrook Station

A train station will be constructed in the Ellenbrook town centre using land and the access corridor set aside as part of the City of Swan's Ellenbrook Place Plan.

An Ellenbrook-Morley Line will connect local families to destinations across the metropolitan area as part of METRONET and give thousands of extra commuters the opportunity to catch a train, taking thousands of cars off congested roads, making life easier for people living in Perth's north east.

A rail line through Morley to Ellenbrook will enhance WA Labor's METROHUBS vision to deliver smart, sustainable and vibrant communities.

Bayswater Precinct

- **A McGowan Labor Government will develop the Bayswater Precinct as part of the construction of the Morley-Ellenbrook Line.**

The METRONET team will work with engineers and the City of Bayswater to determine the best method to upgrade the Bayswater Station and surrounding precinct as part of the Morley Ellenbrook Line works.

Negotiations will be held as soon as practical with the current contractors of the Forrestfield- Airport Line to

determine what works can be incorporated as part of WA Labor's upgraded to the Bayswater Station.

A McGowan Labor Government will partner with the City of Bayswater to finalise the local structure plan for the Bayswater precinct. This project will be incorporated into the METRONET project.

The Morley-Ellenbrook Line includes a \$40 million allocation to facilitate the precinct development.

Forrestfield Airport Line

Completing the Forrestfield Airport Line will be a priority in WA Labor's integrated and coordinated transport plan. Under the current timetable, the line is expected to be completed and operational by 2020.

- **A McGowan Labor Government will complete the Forrestfield Airport Line as part of METRONET and provide connecting bus services from surrounding areas, including Kalamunda.**

Eventually, the Forrestfield Airport Line will connect with other lines, connecting people in Forrestfield and surrounding suburbs with the entire metro area, not just the Perth CBD.

The extension of the Forrestfield Airport Line is part of WA Labor's plan to create a METROHUB around the station. Under WA Labor, the area will be a vibrant community hub, with innovative housing options, workplaces and entertainment venues.

In a growing area like this, local families need quality, reliable public transport infrastructure, to connect them to places of work, entertainment and recreation. They need METRONET.

It will give thousands of extra commuters the opportunity to catch a train, taking thousands of cars off congested roads, making life easier for people in the eastern suburbs.

METRONET will give local families in Forrestfield and surrounding suburbs more public transport options, not just a spur line to the CBD.

A Forrestfield METROHUB would be a major driver of new jobs where people will live, work and play.

Better planning now will make life so much easier for the community in the future. METRONET will make life in our suburbs better and easier.

Relocate Midland Train Station

Midland train station's current location does not maximise accessibility to Midland's activity nodes - Midland Public and Private Hospital, Midland Gate Shopping Centre, The Workshops and Railway Square.

- **A McGowan Labor Government will build a new Midland train station east towards Cale Street as part of a new development precinct near the Midland Hospital and extend the line to Bellevue.**

The site, near the new Midland Public Hospital has healthy development opportunities that will be enhanced by proximity to a new train station. These development opportunities have the potential to value capture and so offset the cost of building a new train station.

The new station would not just benefit Midland, but would link the valley and the hills areas with connecting bus services to a quality station, centrally located with up to date facilities.

Fix dangerous level crossings

Dangerous level crossings are significantly adding to congestion on our roads and are an issue that has been ignored for too long by the State Government.

- **A McGowan Labor Government will remove the dangerous level crossing at Caledonian Avenue.**

WA Labor's METRONET plan will see the commencement of a program of removing dangerous level crossings on Perth's heritage lines to free up traffic flow and improve safety.

Level crossings at Caledonian Avenue, Maylands, Denny Avenue in Kelmscott, Oats Street in Carlisle and Wharf Street in Cannington will be removed in the first stage.

This congestion-busting plan will also help facilitate urban redevelopment. This will be a focus to deliver smart and sustainable density as part of Labor's METROHUBs plan.

There will be an ongoing consultation with local governments and the community, plus surveys to identify areas of high needs. This will drive the priority list for a second stage of level crossing removals.

Creating Jobs

Building METRONET will create thousands of construction jobs and apprenticeships for West Australians. It is estimated that over 3,072 jobs will be created during the construction phase on the Morley to Ellenbrook Line. New jobs will also be created building the new station at Midland and removing dangerous level crossings.

- **A McGowan Labor Government will create 3,556 new jobs during the construction of these projects.**

More than 10,400 new jobs will be created in the building of METRONET and WA Labor will ensure that these jobs go to Western Australians first.

FIXING OUR ROADS

Fixing our Roads

While the key to reducing congestion is to increase the use of public and active (cycling and walking) transport, roads are an integral part of our transport system and work needs to be done on fixing dangerous or congested roads.

A McGowan Labor Government will:

- **Complete the NorthLink Project.**
- **Build a new overpass at the intersection of Wanneroo Road and Joondalup Drive.**
- **Build a new overpass at Ocean Reef Road and Wanneroo Road including a dedicated bus lane.**

The NorthLink project is part of a key freight route between Morley and Muchea and will improve congestion problems along Tonkin Highway.

Perth's rapidly growing northern suburbs have some of our city's most congested roads, including Wanneroo Road and its intersections at Joondalup Drive and Ocean Reef Road. Building overpasses at both these intersections will greatly reduce congestion.

WA Labor will have an on-going program of road upgrades to reduce congestion and increase safety.

Increase the rail freight subsidy

A McGowan Labor Government will increase the freight on rail subsidy to \$50 per TEU as an interim measure while the Outer Harbour is being built. It is estimated by the industry that this will increase the amount of freight on rail to 20 per cent and result in 36,000 fewer truck movements on suburban Perth roads each year.

Many of these truck movements are passing along local roads through the Eastern suburbs.

- **A McGowan Labor Government will increase the freight on rail subsidy from \$30 to \$50 per TEU which will take more than 36,000 truck movements off suburban roads each year.**

A McGowan Labor Government will also work with stevedoring companies and industries to increase freight on rail including looking at freight on rail targets in contractual arrangements.

The rail subsidy has been an important incentive to encourage freight off roads and on to rail and while this has been maintained by the Liberal Government there has been very little done to reach the target of 30 per cent.

The Liberal Government has now announced a reduction in the current subsidy of \$35 TEU to \$30 per TEU from 1 January 2017¹. This cut will increase truck movements on Perth's already congested roads.

An increase of the freight on rail subsidy to \$50 TEU by a McGowan Labor Government will reduce congestion on our roads. It will be put in place as an interim measure while the Outer Harbour is being built. The subsidy will be reviewed following the completion and transition to the Outer Harbour.

¹ WA State Budget 2016-17, p712

BUS SERVICES

Connecting our Buses

WA Labor is very aware of the need to ensure our bus transport system works at peak efficiency, caters for the needs of travellers and links with other forms of transport like train stations.

A McGowan Labor Government will:

- **Coordinate connecting bus services to the Airport Rail Line.**
- **Improve connectivity of bus and train services.**

Bus services are a very important facet of Perth's public transport system. Bus passenger boardings, excluding special event, school and CAT buses, are around 10 per cent higher than passenger boardings for trains.

While passenger rail is the most efficient for transporting large numbers of passengers in one trip, buses, for those areas not covered by trains, and as a link to train stations, are vital to the smooth running of an integrated public transport system.

A recent report into Perth's public transport system found travelling by car is still faster and more convenient for most commuters.¹ It is essential that there is a coordinated, integrated approach to transport, like WA Labor's METRONET, so that our urban centres are connected to the CBD with rapid, efficient public and active transport services.

A McGowan Labor Government will ensure that we significantly improve the connectivity between buses and trains to lower the commute times for passengers.

¹ Committee for Perth, 2016, Get a Move On!, Perth: The Committee for Perth.

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