



## Building METRONET and our transport future

The McGowan Labor Government is delivering a record investment in major transport projects across Western Australia, creating local jobs, providing opportunities for local businesses and keeping our economy strong.

From the Yanchep Rail Extension in our northern suburbs, to the new Mandurah Estuary Bridge in our southern suburbs, the McGowan Government is delivering new road, rail and cycling projects to ease congestion and slash travel times – meaning less time stuck in traffic and more time with family and friends.

### At a glance

Responsible Budget management gives the McGowan Government strong capacity to invest in vital services like transport and in this year's State Budget Western Australians will benefit from:

- \$5.7 billion allocated over the next four years towards 15 METRONET projects, with \$1.5 billion to be spent on the transformational program in 2021-22;
- \$11.7 billion allocated to road projects and road upgrades over the next four years;
- Includes \$4.5 billion for transport initiatives in regional Western Australia; and
- \$265 million has been allocated to cycling and pedestrian initiatives over the next four years.

### Steaming ahead with METRONET

The McGowan Government is continuing its record investment into its transformational METRONET program which will see 72 kilometres of new rail laid and 22 new train stations constructed.

The very first METRONET project, the Bellevue Railcar Manufacturing and Assembly Facility, was completed earlier this year. This fulfilled a key McGowan Government election commitment to return railcar manufacturing to the Midland area.

A new state-of-the-art METRONET Public Transport Operations Control Centre in East Perth is a step closer as final contract negotiations get underway. The McGowan Government has allocated funding to build the new control centre in the State Budget, along with METRONET'S High Capacity Signalling project.

A total of 15 METRONET projects are now completed, under construction, planned or in procurement.

Funding in the 2021-22 State Budget for METRONET projects nearing completion includes:

- \$353.5 million for the Forrestfield-Airport Link, due for completion in the first half of 2022;
- \$15.5 million for the Denny Avenue level crossing removal, with the level crossing removed in April this year and associated works to be completed later this year; and
- \$14.5 million for the Mandurah Station Multi-Storey Car Park, also to be completed later this year.

The 2021-22 State Budget includes funding for other major METRONET projects under construction, including:

- the Morley-Ellenbrook Line;
- the Thornlie-Cockburn Link;
- the Yanchep Rail Extension;

- the new Bayswater Station project;
- the new Lakelands Station; and
- Thomas Road Bridge, as part of the Byford Rail Extension.

Funding in 2021-22 State Budget for METRONET projects under procurement includes:

- the Victoria Park-Canning level crossing removal project;
- the Byford Rail Extension; and
- the High Capacity Signalling project.

The 2021-22 Budget has also allocated \$44 million across the forward estimates for one new METRONET project and two planning studies:

- \$38 million to deliver a 700 bay multi-storey carpark at Greenwood Station, a key McGowan Government commitment at the 2021 State Election; and
- \$6 million to undertake a North East Rapid Transit feasibility study to look at future links between the East Wanneroo corridor and the Perth CBD; and complete an overarching land use and transport plan for Wanneroo Road.

An additional \$15 million has also been allocated across the forward estimates towards upgrading key roads in Maylands to support the closure of the Caledonian Avenue level crossing in the first half of 2022.

## Upgrading roads – busting congestion and slashing travel times

The McGowan Labor Government is delivering an unprecedented \$11.7 billion worth of road projects and upgrades across Western Australia over the next four years. This includes key projects to open later this year, major projects under construction and the landmark Regional Road Safety Program.

Major projects on track to open later this year include:

- High Street upgrades that will improve safety for southern suburbs residents;
- Roe Highway and Kalamunda Road interchange; and
- North Lake Road and Armadale Road bridge over the Kwinana Freeway.

Major projects funded and under construction in the 2021-22 State Budget include:

- Tonkin Gap works, supporting 1,050 jobs, as part of the \$1.39 billion Tonkin Corridor Upgrades;
- \$320 million for the Great Eastern Highway Bypass Interchanges, with works to commence later this year;
- \$232 million for the Mitchell Freeway Extension (Hester Ave to Romeo Road);
- \$76 million for the Mitchell Freeway widening southbound from Hodges Drive to Hepburn Avenue;
- \$140 million for transforming freeways through the Mitchell Freeway corridor;
- \$138.6 million for the Stephenson Avenue extension;
- \$259 million for the Armadale Road Bridge - North Lake Road Flyover;
- \$852 million for the Bunbury Outer Ring Road;
- \$175 million for the Albany Ring Road;
- \$98 million for upgrades to Great Northern Highway at Ord River in the Kimberley;
- \$36 million for Port Hedland Airport deviation; and
- \$52 million for Coolgardie Esperance Highway at Emu Rocks.

Funding has also been allocated to projects under procurement or in planning, including:

- \$49.8 million for the Causeway Cyclist and Pedestrian Bridge over the Swan River as part of the Perth City Deal;
- \$230 million for the Swan River Crossings Project, to replace the outdated Fremantle Traffic Bridge;
- \$225 million to prepare for the construction of grade separated interchanges on Reid Highway at Altone Road, Daviot Road/Drumpellier Drive and West Swan Road;

- \$110 million for the duplication of the Mandurah Estuary Bridge;
  - \$27.5 million for construction of Pinjarra Heavy Haulage Deviation;
  - \$120 million to upgrade and seal 100km of Marble Bar Road;
  - \$380 million to construct and seal Manuwarra Red Dog Highway Stage 4;
  - \$250 million for upgrades to Great Eastern Highway at Coates Gully, between Walgoolan to Southern Cross, and between Ghooli to Benari; and
  - \$55 million to upgrade Indian Ocean Drive between Jurien Bay and Brand Highway.
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## Investing in road safety and cycling

As part of the McGowan Government's continued commitment to road safety, funding has been allocated for the following programs over 2021-22 and forward estimates:

- \$16 million for the Safer Roads and Bridges Program in Perth and Peel; and
- \$104 million for the Resealing Program in Perth and Peel.

The jointly funded Regional Road Safety Program continues and will see \$217 million spent during 2021-22 to seal shoulders and install audible edge lining over 3,000 kilometres of roads.

A further \$194 million has been allocated to continue this program in 2022-23 and 2023-24.

This is in addition to the \$258 million invested to upgrade over 4,000 kilometres of roads over the past year.

A record \$265 million has been allocated over the next four years to upgrade cycling and pedestrian infrastructure throughout WA including:

- \$105.6 million to deliver active transport infrastructure for major projects, including the replacement of the Fremantle Traffic Bridge and the Tonkin Highway extension;
  - \$64 million for the Principal Shared Path Expansion Program including the completion of the Fremantle Principal Shared Path and Kwinana Freeway Pedestrian and Cyclist Path; and
  - \$16.7 million to deliver priority projects including Railway Avenue in Kelmscott, expand the Hillarys Cycle Network, the Koondoola-Wanneroo Bike Plan, Gnangara Shared Path, Rosedale Road Shared Path, the expansion of the Geraldton Cycling Network, and the Soldiers Road Principal Shared Path in Byford.
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## Connecting our CBD

The McGowan Government has allocated \$12 million in the 2021-22 State Budget to expand the popular Perth CAT Bus Service, which last financial year saw more than 5 million boardings.

A new Purple CAT will be created and will travel from Elizabeth Quay Bus Station to the QEII Medical Centre precinct and the University of Western Australia, via Kings Park Road and Thomas Street.

The Red CAT services will expand to incorporate Matagarup Bridge, including the installation of 4 new bus stops.

The Red CAT operating hours will also be extended to similar times as the Blue CAT - to 9pm Sunday through Thursday and to midnight on Friday and Saturday.

The Blue CAT will include 16 new stops, including Kings Park, Elizabeth Quay and Northbridge - providing quality connections for local residents and tourists looking to explore the city.

The expansion of the CAT services builds on the McGowan Government's significant investment in the Perth CBD which includes the new ECU inner city campus, the revitalisation of the Cultural Centre, the Causeway Cyclist and Pedestrian Bridge and redevelopments of the WA Art Gallery, East Perth Power Station and the WACA Ground and community aquatic facility.

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## Ports powering the economy

Western Australia continues to power the national economy, and our ports play a major role in this.

The McGowan Government is proceeding with its transformational Westport project, which will see a new world-class container port terminal constructed in Kwinana Industrial Area.

Almost \$490 million has been allocated to Westport over the next four years including:

- Approximately \$90 million for program development, road corridor planning and WAPC land acquisition. This includes \$13.5 million for the independent Western Australian Marine Science Institute to deliver a science program which will underpin Westport's environmental impact assessment and mitigation strategy; and
- Over \$400 million for enabling works including strategic land acquisition.

More than \$500 million has also been allocated to major upgrades and projects at Western Australia's ports.

This includes funding for projects such as:

- The Spoilbank Marina in Port Hedland, with construction underway;
- Port of Ashburton infrastructure upgrades;
- Port Hedland tug haven revetment wall upgrades;
- Fremantle Harbour inner harbour berth upgrades;
- Design and construction of new access road and bridge to Turkey Point at the Port of Bunbury; and
- Port of Geraldton Wharf 4 deck slab strengthening and Fishing Boat Harbour walkways replacement.