

Light rail, bus rapid transit and railway to Yanchep part of 20 year public transport plan

The introduction of light rail, development of bus rapid transit services and extension of the rail line to Yanchep are the State Government's priority projects to meet Perth's public transport needs for the next 20 years.

Transport Minister, Troy Buswell, said the 'Public Transport in Perth in 2031' plan outlined a strategy to increase capacity and efficiency of the current network and further expand it, as well as implementing a rapid transit system to move more people during peak hours.

"Over the past 10 years, public transport use in Perth has increased by 67 percent, and by 2031, Perth residents will more than double their use of public transport, which will see it account for nearly 70 percent of all trips to the CBD," Mr Buswell said.

"To cope with this increase and the future growth of the city, which

has a predicted population of 2.2 million by 2031, we need to develop a mass transit system which integrates the heavy rail system, buses and road-based rapid transit services, using light rail or bus.

"Our two key transformational projects to redefine travel and development patterns are the extension of the northern suburbs railway to Yanchep and a light rail from Mirrabooka to the CBD.

"The extension of the rail line north to Yanchep will support the development of the Yanchep City Centre, with a station at its centre, and the fast-tracking of this line will provide developers with the certainty they need to proceed with higher density development."

The plan states: "The Northern Suburbs Railway extension is committed to extend north to Butler. Extending north to Yanchep will support the

development of the Yanchep City Centre with a station precinct at its centre.

"Future developments between Butler and Yanchep will lead to future development of stations, potentially at Alkimos and Eglinton.

"The early development of this line will provide developers with the certainty required to develop at a higher density, particularly around train stations and within walkable catchments of services. It will support a much more sustainable form of urban development with significantly lower levels of car use."

The draft plan indicates that the Yanchep line is part of Stage 1 which is predicted to be operational by 2021.

The plan is open for public comment until 14 October, and is available at transport.wa.gov.au

