

## Frequently asked questions

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### What is the Perth Greater CBD?

The Perth Greater CBD refers to the area shown in the map below including the neighbourhoods of Crawley, Nedlands, West Perth, Northbridge, Kings Park, Claisebrook and the central Perth CBD.



### What is the Perth Greater CBD Transport Plan?

The Perth Greater CBD Transport Plan will include a five-year program of prioritised initiatives and will outline a 10-year vision for future transport investment in the Perth CBD.

The Plan will identify the transport infrastructure, systems and initiatives required to keep people and goods moving as our city grows, and will consider how we can use the current network more efficiently.

### **Why is the Plan being developed?**

Central Perth is undergoing the biggest transformation in its development history.

New destinations in and around the Greater CBD such as Yagan Square, Perth Children's Hospital, Optus Stadium, and Elizabeth Quay have brought more vibrancy and activity to the city.

With other major projects planned or underway it is vital we ensure our transport network can continue to support and improve the inner-city experience for everyone.

The Perth Greater CBD Transport Plan will identify the infrastructure, programs and services required to keep the Perth CBD moving as it grows, and how to get the best use from both new and existing infrastructure.

Transport planning for Perth's Greater CBD also needs to help create great places for people. This means ensuring the transport system supports all users of the city centre including residents, workers and visitors such as tourists and locals looking to enjoy the cultural, retail, recreational and other attractions that our city offers.

### **When is the Plan expected to be completed?**

The development of the Plan was staged into two phases:

- Phase One – Development of a five-year set of prioritised initiatives within the [Perth Parking Management Area \(PPMA\)](#), agreed with the City of Perth.
- Phase Two – Development of the 10-year vision and five year set of prioritised initiatives for the Perth Greater CBD including the PPMA resulting in the final version of the Perth Greater CBD Transport Plan.

The five-year program of prioritised initiatives for the PPMA was finalised, in consultation with stakeholders, in August 2020.

The final Perth Greater CBD Transport Plan is expected to be ready for Government consideration by mid-2021.

### **Who is developing the Plan?**

The Perth Greater CBD Transport Plan is being developed by the Department of Transport in close consultation with the City of Perth and Transport Portfolio partners, the Public Transport Authority and Main Roads Western Australia.

As part of the Plan's development, contributions and feedback were also sought from residents, local businesses, industry bodies, health and educational establishments, local and State Government representatives, disability access and inclusion groups and the wider Perth community, to capture their transport vision for the city.

### **What will the Perth Greater CBD Transport Plan focus on?**

The Perth Greater CBD Transport Plan will identify the transport infrastructure, programs and services required to keep the Perth CBD moving as it grows, and how to get the best use from the existing transport system.

The Plan will look at all modes of transport including the walking, cycling, public transport, road and freight networks but will prioritise the movement of people to, from and within the city centre through sustainable transport options.

A key focus for transport planning for the Perth Greater CBD is to find the right balance of transport solutions for all users.

### **What are the key challenges?**

Road space is a limited resource and all transport modes (cars, buses, on-demand transport, bike riders, pedestrians etc.) are jostling for their share of this space. Prioritising movement for one type of transport user often involves a trade-off for other users. This means that it's unlikely that all users' needs can be met in all corridors at all times.

Changing the primary purpose of any one transport corridor can also have unintended consequences on how the city functions. For example, more space for private vehicles and buses could mean less space for pedestrians and bike riders. This may have a flow-on effect to retailers and city vibrancy. Equally, not enough space for private vehicles and buses could lead to gridlock and long travel times which make the city a less attractive destination.

### **What are sustainable transport options?**

Sustainable transport options are those that allow or encourage people to travel to, from and within the Greater CBD by modes other than private vehicles. More people using sustainable transport options benefits the CBD by reducing the impact of congestion, improving air quality and helping to create vibrant, safe places to enjoy.

### **How will the Plan improve the city?**

The Perth Greater CBD Transport Plan will support the continued growth and sustainable development of the Perth CBD and greater surrounds as a safe, connected and vibrant city centre, while considering the flow-on impact to the wider Perth metropolitan area.

The development of the Plan will ensure that State and local governments are working together with key stakeholders and the community to improve the city's transport network and provide additional transport options, recreational opportunities and support for tourism and commercial activity.

### **What are the proposed outcomes?**

The Plan will deliver a 10-year vision for transport investment in the Perth CBD, and a five-year program of evidence-based initiatives.

The aim of the project is to develop a prioritised transport investment plan for the Perth CBD that:

- allows the community and stakeholders to have their say;
- aligns with current and future land use strategies;
- focuses on the movement of people and goods rather than the transport mode;
- considers the flow-on impact to the wider Perth metropolitan area; and
- ensures that [Perth Parking](#) funding is invested wisely.

### **What community consultation took place?**

An online survey and mapping activity took place between August and September 2019.

The survey and activity sought to better understand how the city's current transport network is used to help identify opportunities and current challenges experienced while travelling to, from and around the Greater CBD. Almost 1000 responses were received to the online survey.

The Department of Transport and the Public Transport Authority also reviewed the Perth CAT service Between October 2018 and January 2019, including conducting an online survey, community information sessions and focus groups with current, infrequent and non-users of CAT services.

The feedback collected as part of these activities will be used in the review of the Perth CAT system, and will feed into the development of the Perth Greater CBD Transport Plan.

To keep up-to-date or to be notified of future comment periods you can subscribe to the mailing list on the Department of Transport's [website](#).

### **How will this Plan work with the other established CBD transport and land use plans?**

As part of the development of the Perth Greater CBD Transport Plan a review of all published and available data was undertaken relating to existing and proposed land use and infrastructure within the study area.

The Department of Transport will work with major stakeholders including the City of Perth to ensure alignment with local and State government land use strategies and future plans for the Perth Greater CBD.

### **How will identified initiatives be funded?**

Business cases or budget submissions will be prepared for all new projects, and as part of this process a range of funding options will be explored.

Perth Parking Levy revenue is used to improve the transport system for those who travel to, from and within central Perth and will be one option considered to fund priority initiatives identified in the Plan.