Perth Greater CBD Transport Plan

Frequently asked questions

What is the Perth Greater CBD?

The Perth Greater CBD refers to the neighbourhoods of Crawley, Nedlands, Kings Park, West Perth, Northbridge, Claisebrook, East Perth and the central Perth CBD. A map of the Perth Greater CBD is available on the Department of Transport's <u>Perth Greater CBD Transport Plan</u> webpage.

What is the Perth Greater CBD Transport Plan?

The Perth Greater CBD Transport Plan (the Plan) is a strategy to guide transport investment decisions that will keep people and goods moving around our city centre more efficiently.

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

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

Why is the Plan being developed?

Multiple agencies, including the Public Transport Authority, Main Roads WA, Development WA, Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage and local governments such as the City of Perth, have responsibility for transport planning, services and infrastructure.

This Plan is being developed to identify the infrastructure, programs and services required to keep the Perth Greater CBD moving as it grows, and how to get the best use from both new and existing infrastructure. The Plan will facilitate collaboration between agencies and guide transport investment within the city centre.

Transport planning for the Perth 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, students and visitors, such as tourists looking to enjoy cultural, retail, recreational and other attractions that our city offers.

When is the Plan expected to be completed?

Phase One of the Plan was released in 2020 delivering a five-year list of prioritised initiatives.

The Phase One Report is available on the Department of Transport's <u>Perth Greater CBD Transport</u> <u>Plan</u> webpage.

The final Plan (Phase Two) is currently under consideration.

Who is developing the Plan?

The 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 WA.

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

What are the key opportunities?

Streets are for everyone. Creating opportunities to walk, wheel, ride, use public transport and drive provides a range of options for getting around the Perth Greater CBD. There are opportunities to make it safer and easier to walk, wheel or ride by joining up missing links in pedestrian and bike networks with more footpaths, shared paths, bike lanes and improved crossings.

The convenience of public transport could be enhanced with bus priority measures (e.g., allocated lanes) and improving access to, and the safety around, train stations.

Providing more lighting, trees, shelter and seating, and having lower vehicle speeds, allows for attractive, pleasant and safer streets for people and businesses. There are also opportunities to better support businesses with safe, reliable and efficient deliveries and freight movement.

What are sustainable transport options?

Sustainable transport options are those that allow people to travel to, from and within the Perth Greater CBD by modes other than private vehicles. This includes creating more options for people to walk, wheel, ride or use public transport to travel to their destination. More people using sustainable transport options benefits the Perth Greater CBD by reducing the impact of congestion, improving air quality and helping to create vibrant, safe places for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy.

How will the Plan improve the city?

The Plan will support the continued growth and sustainable development of the Perth Greater CBD and surrounds as a safe, connected and vibrant city centre. It aims to achieve the following eight outcomes:

- 1. More active travel uptake, including public transport use, to, from and within the city
- 2. Fewer physical and design barriers for people walking, wheeling, riding and accessing public transport
- 3. Improved safety for people who walk, wheel and ride
- 4. Better personal security at night
- 5. More reliable journey times
- 6. Better wayfinding and legibility
- 7. More inviting and healthy streets
- 8. More productive use of kerbside space

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 community consultation took place?

Perth Greater CBD business owners and operators, workers, students, residents and visitors, and the wider community were invited to participate in online surveys, mapping activities and focus groups to inform the development of the Plan.

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

The survey and mapping 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 Perth Greater CBD. Almost 1,000 responses were received from the online survey.

In October 2019, a series of focus groups with business owners and operators explored the transport network and its impacts on operating a business in the Perth Greater CBD.

A further intercept and online travel survey took place in November 2020. This survey captured feedback from 2,287 Perth Greater CBD users and residents about their travel experiences to, from and within the area, including where and why they travel, how often they visit and which transport modes they use.

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

By planning for appropriate transport infrastructure and services the Plan will complement and support future land use decisions and major city development.

A review of all published and available plans, strategies and data relating to existing and proposed land use, development and infrastructure for the central area was undertaken to inform the Plan. The Department of Transport continues to 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 the Plan be implemented?

Implementation of the Plan requires a collective effort between state and local government.

The Department of Transport will coordinate the delivery of the Plan, collaborating with Main Roads WA, the Public Transport Authority and local governments, such as the City of Perth, who are responsible for the implementation of infrastructure improvements, transport services and programs in the central city.

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.

Partnerships, such as the Inner City Projects between the Commonwealth Government, State Government and City of Perth, is another option to fund implementation of the Plan.