

CANNING BRIDGE UPGRADES AND NEW BUS INTERCHANGE

PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

“To reduce the impact of congestion during peak periods along Canning Highway and the Kwinana Freeway through bridge duplication and upgrades, including the relocation and construction of a new bus interchange east of the Canning River in the City of South Perth.”



INTRODUCTION

Congestion along Canning Highway around Canning Bridge and along the Kwinana Freeway to Narrows Bridge has significantly increased over recent years and is likely to be a major constraint in the development of the Canning Bridge commercial / residential precinct.

Main Roads traffic data for 2014/15 recorded an average of 68,919 vehicles per day on Canning Bridge, with AM and PM peaks carrying between 5,000 and 6,000 vehicles per hour.

Main Roads has investigated a range of solutions and a staging program to address traffic congestion on and around Canning Bridge, however the implementation of the required infrastructure projects and upgrades requires State Government funding.

KEY ISSUES

The congestion around the Canning Bridge precinct requires a number of priorities to be implemented as a package to achieve acceptable outcomes. Although the project priorities specific to the Canning Bridge form the focus of advocacy, it is recognised that initiatives along the Kwinana Freeway towards the Narrows Bridge (increased capacity and lane widening, all lane running, traffic speed and variable messaging signs, freeway optimisation) are largely outside of the region, but are required to complement the Canning Bridge projects.

Canning Bridge Bus Interchange – Indicative sketch



The Canning Bridge projects include:

- The relocation and construction of the Canning Bridge Bus Interchange in an area located east of the Canning River in the City of South Perth
- The construction of the Manning Road southbound On Ramp onto Kwinana Freeway
- The duplication of Canning Bridge to four lanes in both directions

These projects are likely to require funding in the order of \$200 Million to complete and have not been included in the Perth Transport Plan for 3.5 Million, WA State budget (2016/17 and forward estimates to 2019/20) or Main Roads Infrastructure Delivery Plan (July 2016).

As the Perth CBD gateway into the region and key commuting corridor for south of the river communities in the Central sub-region, Canning Highway is critical to the region's daily journey to work and school commuting and associated transport productivity.

The City of Melville has been working with the City of South Perth and the State Government to progress the proposed works associated with the Canning Bridge area over many years and in accordance with the approved structure plans.

The Canning Bridge priority upgrades may be eligible to receive Federal Government funding and the South West Group will be advocating for a shared funding solution that facilitates construction as early as possible. Funding splits based on 50% State contribution (\$100M) and 50% Federal funding (\$100M) have been applied to other transport infrastructure projects in the metropolitan area. It is relevant to note that the Turnbull Government pledged \$15M toward the Manning Road southbound On Ramp in the lead up to the Federal election in July 2016.

SOUTH WEST GROUP POSITION

The South West Group supports Main Roads in securing funding to construct the new bus interchange and complete high priority Canning Bridge Highway upgrades to increase capacity and reduce congestion for this important gateway to the South West Metropolitan Region.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The State Government and Opposition commit \$100 Million over the next term of Government to complete the priority works for the Canning Bridge upgrades and new bus interchange.



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