



OVERVIEW

The December 2017 South West Group Bulletin is the tenth of a series of communications aimed at keeping stakeholders in the region informed on the activities and initiatives of the South West Group.

Maintaining and enhancing positive working relationships with our key stakeholders is a priority activity that will continue to feature strongly for the South West Group as it seeks to influence investment and policy decisions that benefit the region.

In this edition, the South West Group:

- provides an update on the progress of Federal and State funding for regional projects previously lobbied by the South West Group
- welcomes the establishment of the Westport Taskforce
- provides progress report on light rail investigations
- describes the progress on the action plans developed for selected activity centres
- farewells the current Director South West Group who is taking up another role in the region
- Chair summarises the past year and ushers in the new Chair for 2018.

REGIONAL PROJECTS UPDATES

The South West Group advocated for a number of key regional projects in the lead up to Federal and State elections and budgets as outlined below, including their status:

- Additional lane on Kwinana Freeway northbound from Russell Road to Roe Highway - *funded*
- Armadale Road Bridge - *funded*
- Heavy Rail link from Cockburn Central to Thornlie - *business case under development as per Metronet*
- Canning Bridge Duplication and Relocation of Bus Interchange - *Manning Road on-ramp funded, with bridge and bus interchange pending*
- South West Metro Light Rail Study - *to supplement Metronet*

The State Government has been working to finalise details, prepare project plans, refine schedules and secure funding for these and also other projects with the table below summarising the latest timeline and status for projects in the region.

PROJECT	CONSTRUCTION PERIOD
ROAD PROJECTS	
Armadale Road Dual Carriageway – Anstey Road to Tapper Road (\$150M)	2018 to 2020
Murdoch Drive – connection to Kwinana Freeway and Roe Highway (\$100M)	Oct 2017 to June 2019
Leach Highway – Upgrade of High Street from Carrington Road to Stirling Highway (\$118M)	Jan 2019 to Dec 2020 onwards
Armadale Road to North Lake Road Bridge (\$237M)	Early 2019 to early 2021
Karel Avenue Upgrades (\$15M)	Oct 2018 to late 2019
Manning Road to Kwinana Freeway Onramp South (\$35M)	Mid 2019 to early 2020
Kwinana Freeway ITS – Roe Highway to Narrows Bridge (\$47M)	Late 2018 to end of 2020
Kwinana Freeway Additional Lane North – Russell Road to Roe Highway (\$49M)	Mid 2018 to late 2019
METRONET PROJECTS	
Thornlie to Cockburn Central – South Circle Line, East (\$700M)	2020 to 2023
Karnup Rail Station	Not available
Inner Suburban Light Rail	Not available

The South West Group Board welcomed the announcements and is looking forward to working with the State and Federal Government to implement these road, rail and public transport projects that will benefit the region.

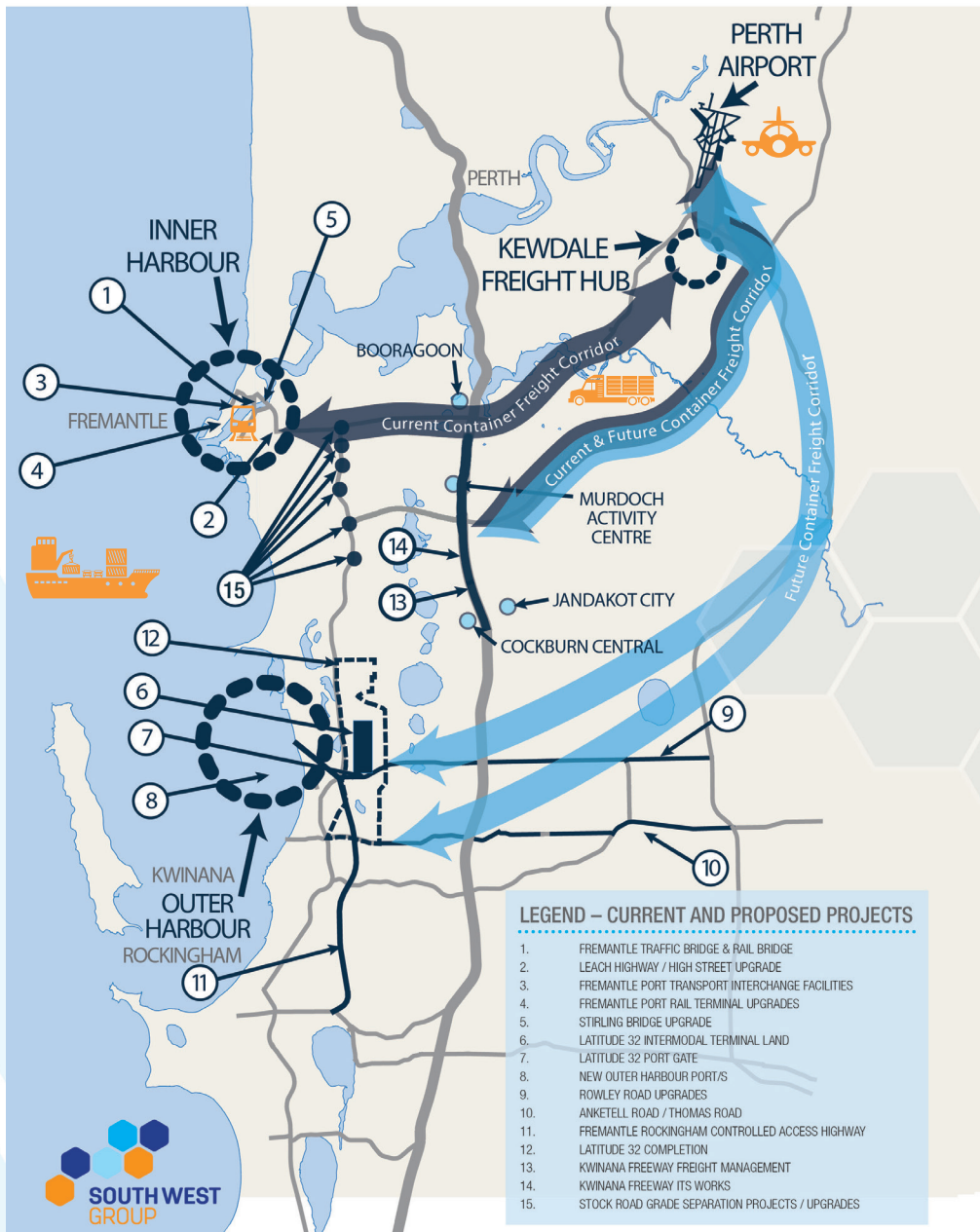
WESTPORT TASKFORCE SET UP TO DEVELOP STRATEGY FOR KWINANA OUTER HARBOUR

The State Government announced the establishment of the Westport Taskforce on 12 September 2017 and has appointed Nicole Lockwood as Chair with responsibility to prepare the Westport: Port and Environs Strategy by the end of 2019.

The South West Group Board was briefed by the Westport Taskforce Chair and was pleased to see the level of transparency and stakeholder engagement included in the strategy development process.

The City of Kwinana, in partnership with the Freight and Logistics Council, jointly hosted the Westport Freight Forum on 15 November 2017 and involved a series of presentations from the Westport Taskforce and interested regional organisations from metropolitan and regional areas. The South West Group Director presented at the forum on the implications of the Westport proposal for the South West Metropolitan Region. A summary paper and presentation is available on the South West Group website, noting current and proposed road and rail projects to support the Outer Harbour.

SOUTH WEST GROUP 2017 Road and Rail Transport Projects Map



PROGRESS REPORT ON LIGHT RAIL INVESTIGATIONS

The South West Group commissioned a consultancy in 2016 led by Macroplan Dimasi to investigate light rail and bus rapid transit (BRT) routes in the region that could be progressed in the short term based on potential for increased density and value capture. The route options considered included:

- Canning Bridge to Murdoch, via Booragoon
- Canning Bridge to Fremantle
- Murdoch to Fremantle
- Cockburn Central to Fremantle via Cockburn Coast
- Rockingham Train Station to Rockingham Foreshore via the city centre
- Rockingham City Centre to Karnup Rail Station via Warnbro Sound Avenue

The Murdoch to Fremantle (via South Street) and Rockingham Train Station to the Rockingham Foreshore (via the city centre) were identified as the route options most suited to development in the short term, with the Cockburn Central to Fremantle also identified as a route that would benefit through further investigation.

Detailed analysis of development nodes (stops) along the light rail routes undertaken by the member Councils have identified opportunities for increased residential density and commercial floor space at selected locations.

The South West Group is undertaking further investigation and workshops into the preferred light rail routes using a proof of concept approach based on the Entrepreneurial Rail Model, which seeks to determine opportunities for private sector investment and value capture.

The next phase of the investigation will involve engagement with land owners and developers on the level of interest in achieving the residential density and commercial development aspirations for key development nodes along each light rail route.



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ACTION PLANS DEVELOPED FOR SELECTED ACTIVITY CENTRES

The South West Group and member Councils have been examining key activity centres in the region that would benefit from greater support from the State Government in advancing their planning and development.

The selected activity centres include:

- Canning Bridge
- Cockburn Central
- Fremantle
- Kwinana
- Murdoch
- Rockingham



A briefing of senior staff from several departments on 17 July 2017 included representatives from the Department of Planning Lands and Heritage (DPLH), Department of Transport, Main Roads, Public Transport Authority (PTA) and LandCorp.

The DPLH has agreed to undertake a key coordinating role in progressing the activity centre action plans and be the main point of contact for the State Government.

The South West Group will be working closely with the DPHL to progress the action plans in consultation with the relevant agencies with action responsibilities. The Director of the South West Group was invited to present to the Infrastructure Coordinating Committee in December 2017 on the Activity Centre Action Plans.

DIRECTOR SOUTH WEST GROUP TAKES ON NEW ROLE IN THE REGION

The Director of the South West Group, Mick McCarthy, has accepted the role as Director Technical Services at the City of Melville and will vacating his current position on 15 December 2017.

Mick will still play an active role in the region as a member of the South West Group Technical Directors Committee and will provide support following the appointment of the new South West Group Director.

Mick has been with the South West Group for over six years and is the longest serving Director to date.

The South West Group thanks Mick for his contribution and wishes him all the best in his new role.



CHAIR'S END OF YEAR MESSAGE

It has been another busy year for the South West Group and I would like to acknowledge the contribution from my fellow Board members and representatives from the various committees that support the organisation. The City of Melville will be Chairing the Board and CEOs Forum in 2018 and I am sure that they will play an important role in guiding the organisation competently through the next phase of its journey.

With a new State Government in office and a commitment to progress the Outer Harbour project in Kwinana and Metronet, it is a very exciting time for the region and the Greater Perth area.

I wish the residents of the South West Metropolitan Region all the best for the Festive Season and have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Carol Adams

– South West Group Chair 2018



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