

Fremantle Traffic Bridge Replacement

2018 ADVOCACY SHEET

THE ISSUE:

The Swan River Estuary is a significant constraint on north to south freight and passenger movement in the Perth Metropolitan area.

There are no river crossings in the 12 kilometres between the Stirling Bridge at East Fremantle and the Narrows Bridge at Perth.

Population and economic growth are placing significant pressure on the limited river crossings in the Perth Metropolitan Area.

Stirling Bridge is currently carrying 37,818 vehicles per day, while the nearby Fremantle Traffic Bridge (with load limits) is carrying 23,589 vehicles per day.

THE OPPORTUNITY:

The Fremantle Traffic Bridge is located between the Fremantle Rail Bridge and the Stirling Bridge at the eastern extremity of Fremantle Harbour. The value of the Fremantle Traffic Bridge is having the capacity to divert 30,000 vehicles a day away from the Stirling Bridge, delaying the need for widening of that bridge.

Stirling Bridge is a key Freight Route – Road and the main access into the major container handling port in Western Australia. 2017/18 container trade is expected to be over 765,000 Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) as trade continues to increase. In the longer term trade is expected to increase by an average of 3.5% a year.

In order to deliver on this opportunity, Fremantle Traffic Bridge requires replacement.



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WHAT IS THE OPPORTUNITY WORTH?

The Canning Highway/Stirling Bridge intersection has an estimated annual congestion cost of over \$8 million.

By 2036 that cost is expected to increase to \$30 million annually.

OUR ASK OF GOVERNMENT

Build a replacement Fremantle Traffic bridge.

2017/18 CONTAINER TRADE IS EXPECTED TO BE OVER

765,000

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The design can incorporate a dedicated freight rail bridge removing the clash with passenger rail and facilitating reaching the 30% containers on rail target.



The Bridge also provides a safer and direct cycling route between Fremantle and the coast to the north of Fremantle.

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