

Gosnells benefits from major State transport funding initiatives

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Gosnells City Council's complaints about road funding are extraordinary given the Gallop Government's \$339million transport infrastructure investment in the local area, according to Planning and Infrastructure Minister Alannah MacTiernan.

"Labor is making up for years of neglect in the South-East Corridor," Ms MacTiernan said.

"The State Government is spending a massive amount on transport infrastructure in Gosnells and surrounding areas.

"We would have expected the council to recognise who was delivering for the area."

The Minister outlined six major projects worth almost \$340million that would deliver major benefits to local residents and industry:

- completion of the \$89million Roe Highway Stages Four and Five;
- the \$29million Roe Highway Stage Six extension;
- the \$140million Tonkin Highway extension, providing a vital link from Albany Highway, Gosnells, through to Armadale Road by the end of 2004, and to Thomas Road by 2006;
- a \$5million contribution to the Gosnells Revitalisation Project - some of the funds will be used to upgrade Albany Highway through the City;
- a further \$6million being spent on the new Gosnells Railway Station upgrade; and
- more than \$70million for a package including a new spur line off the main Armadale line to Thornlie, a new train station at Thornlie and a road bridge over the rail line at Spencer Road.

"The facts and the figures speak for themselves," Ms MacTiernan said.

"After years of neglect by the Court government, we are investing heavily in transport infrastructure across the south-east and delivering major benefits to the residents of Gosnells and surrounding areas.

"Our Roe Highway extensions will remove large numbers of freight vehicles from metropolitan regional roads and provide an alternative route for other through traffic.

"Similarly, the \$140million Tonkin Highway extension will provide a vital link from Albany Highway, Gosnells, through to Armadale Road by the end of 2004, and to Thomas Road by 2006.

"Apart from removing trucks and other traffic from the regional road network, it will contribute to a much needed boost in growth through the whole of the south-east corridor."

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