

WA STATE BUDGET 2017-18 INVESTING IN WA ROADS

The McGowan Labor Government's first Budget will deliver a record \$2.7 billion roads budget. The funding allocation includes 20 key road projects which will create much needed local jobs.

Building and upgrading our road network is essential to reduce road congestion, facilitate the safe and efficient movement of people and goods and help boost the local economy to create jobs.



DELIVERING ON OUR COMMITMENTS

The 2017-18 Budget will allocate funding to the McGowan Labor Government's roads election commitments which have a focus on improving safety, reducing congestion, maintaining and operating the road network and generating thousands of jobs.

The projects include a number of key road initiatives announced in May 2017 as part of the joint State and Commonwealth Government \$2.3 billion Boosting Jobs, Busting Congestion program.



20 KEY ROAD PROJECTS

- \$237 million **Armadale Road/North Lake Road bridge** over Kwinana Freeway.
- \$50 million **new traffic interchange at Wanneroo Road and Joondalup Drive.**
- \$49 million **widening of the Kwinana Freeway northbound** between Russell Road and Roe Highway.
- \$40 million **widening of the Mitchell Freeway southbound** between Cedric Street and Vincent Street.
- \$30 million **upgrading of the South Coast Highway** between Albany and Jerramungup.
- \$50 million for the **Karratha-Tom Price road sealing works.**
- \$86 million new **traffic interchange at Roe Highway and Kalamunda Road.**
- \$118 million **Leach Highway (High Street) upgrade** between Carrington Road and Stirling Highway.
- \$14 million for the **dualling of Great Eastern Highway** from Anzac Drive to Gatacre Drive in Kalgoorlie.
- \$145 million **Armadale Road dual carriageway** between Anstey Road and Tapper Drive.
- \$112 million **Murdoch Drive Connection to Kwinana Freeway and Roe Highway.**
- \$12.5 million for planning Stages 2 and 3 of the **Bunbury Outer Ring Road.**
- \$8 million **widening of the Coolgardie-Esperance Highway.**
- \$70 million **Reid Highway dual carriageway** between Altone Road and West Swan Road.
- \$47 million **Smart Freeway project on Kwinana Freeway northbound.**
- \$65 million **new traffic interchange at Wanneroo Road and Ocean Reef Road.**
- \$31 million **Wanneroo Road dual carriageway** between Joondalup Drive and Flynn Drive.
- \$35 million **Manning Road on-ramp at Kwinana Freeway.**
- \$33 million for **Outback Way sealing works** (subject to Commonwealth Government).
- \$35 million allocated towards the next stages of the **Albany Ring Road.**



ROADS FUNDING

Total spending for roads in WA over recent years:

\$'000	(*estimated)	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17*	2017/18*
Total expenditure		2,136,386	1,934,300	2,139,474	2,278,281	2,741,889



REGIONAL ROAD SAFETY

Fixing dangerous country roads is one of the McGowan Government's top priorities in regional WA.

The 2017-18 Budget includes a 20% increase in regional road funding. **Overall, regional road expenditure represents just over 50% of the State's total spending on roads.**

Regional road safety will receive a major boost this year with the implementation of a major new Regional Road Safety Program. The \$44 million Commonwealth contribution is a result of the Boosting Jobs, Busting Congestion program. A significant package of works will be developed to address high risk sections of the rural road network.

Whilst the full package will be agreed later this year, the first of the projects to be funded under this scheme is the construction of four new passing lanes on Indian Ocean Drive.



ROAD SAFETY

Whilst nearly every road project has an element of road safety there are several programs of funding that are targeted at specific road safety outcomes to ensure the impact of road trauma on the community is reduced.

\$125 million has been allocated to specific Road Safety Programs in 2017-18. \$29 million has been allocated for programs in the metropolitan area and \$96 million for programs in regional areas.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROADS

Local Government roads are crucial to connecting our suburbs and regional towns to our State and National road networks.

A total of \$184 million has been allocated for local road projects under the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement for 2017-18 representing an extra \$11.5 million compared with the previous Government's 2016-17 Budget.

The McGowan Government has also honoured its election commitments on the local road network amounting to an additional \$162 million worth of road works, including:

- \$60m contribution for the **Stephenson Avenue extension**;
- \$23m contribution for the **dual carriageway of Marmion Avenue to Yanchep**; and
- \$50m for **Karratha-Tom Price Road sealing works**.

Factoring in the election commitments, communities across WA will see a total of \$248 million spent on improving and building Local Government road infrastructure in 2017-18.



CYCLING FOR THE FUTURE

The McGowan Government is delivering on its election commitment to crank up investment in cycling infrastructure across Perth, with \$129 million earmarked over the next four years towards a chain of new projects across the State's network.

The record funding includes \$55 million towards **filling gaps on the Principal Shared Path (PSP) network** around Perth, \$45 million for **paths alongside major road projects** and \$29 million in **grants for local governments** for a range of community cycling initiatives.

The \$55 million PSP roll-out will complement the McGowan Government's METRONET vision, transforming Perth's transport network, with designated paths which cyclists can use to ease their daily commute.

The gap-filling PSP expansion will allow at least 95 kilometres of cycling path to be added to the network, and will include the following locations:

- **Mitchell Freeway PSP** - Glendalough Station to Hutton Street & Erindale Road to Civic Place missing links.
- **Fremantle line PSP** - Grant Street to North Fremantle extension.
- **Midland line PSP** - Success Hill Station to Railway Parade cul-de-sac missing link.

To ensure a consistent approach, \$29 million will be provided for local governments to develop bike plans and deliver new cycling infrastructure such as shared paths and bike boulevards.

PSPs will also be considered as part of all new major road projects, with paths to be included in the NorthLink WA construction, Roe Highway and Kalamunda Road Interchange upgrade and Reid Highway duplication.