



# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## **PUBLIC TRANSPORT MASTER PLAN MUST ADDRESS NORTH EASTERN CORRIDOR**

The Barnett Government's long-awaited transport master plan, due to be released on the 14<sup>th</sup> July, must address the needs of the north eastern corridor according to West Swan MLA Rita Saffioti.

"The north eastern corridor is severely missing a mass-transit system," Ms Saffioti said.

"The northern and southern suburbs are serviced by a world-class rail system, yet the north eastern suburbs have had to deal without a dedicated mass transit system.

"The Barnett Government has been delaying a proposed bus way or light rail along Alexander Drive to service a part of the corridor, it is now time to act."

Ms Saffioti said now that the Barnett Government had admitted to breaking its key election commitment to construct a railway to Ellenbrook, its incumbent on them to provide an alternative for Ellenbrook and the north eastern corridor.

"It is important that this master plan addresses the transport problems in this corridor, but also lead to the funding and construction timeframes to be announced," Ms Saffioti said.

Ms Saffioti said she was worried that "Emperor" Barnett's city-centric obsession, such as his new palace on the hill, meant there was little capacity to fund new infrastructure in the suburbs.

"Mr Barnett seems to spend all of his time on pet projects in the CBD," she said.

"There is no use building a new waterfront or new stadium if people in the north eastern suburbs cannot easily access this area."

Shadow Transport Minister Ken Travers said the Barnett Government must commit real money to commence construction of a light rail along Fitzgerald Street and Alexander Drive before the next election.

"The Liberal Party has a twenty year history of making promises but simply not delivering when it comes to rail infrastructure in WA," he said.

"Without construction actually starting on a light rail, the Liberal Government's Public Transport Master Plan will just be another Liberal rail promise that is never delivered."

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