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SAFFIOTI DELIVERS ROADS AND TRANSPORT SPEECH IN PARLIAMENT

Local Member for West Swan Rita Saffioti outlined the major north eastern corridor road and transport priorities in a Parliamentary speech yesterday.

Speaking on Labor's motion condemning the Barnett government for its failure to invest in basic infrastructure, relating to public transport and new road works in order to keep up with population growth, Ms Saffioti said they were key issues in the north east corridor.

"The Barnett Government is a sleep at the wheel when it comes to basic infrastructure in this corridor," she said.

"Two out of the three most nominated worst roads in the entire metropolitan area are key transport links in this corridor."

Ms Saffioti outlined the key transport priorities for the area that currently have no allocated funding:

- Duplication of Reid Highway, between West Swan Road and Beechboro Road, including the construction of a safe intersection at Lord Street;
- Improvement to the Malaga Drive and Reid Highway intersection;
- A dual carriageway for Gngangara Road, including the construction of a safe intersection at Beechboro Road;
- Construction of Henley Brook Avenue as a dual carriageway, between Gngangara Road and Reid Highway; and
- Improvements to Lord Street and West Swan Road.

Ms Saffioti said construction of Henley Brook Avenue needed to be addressed urgently in order to reduce the unsustainable amount of traffic on Lord Street and West Swan Road.

"A coordinated commitment from government is needed to improve the road network in the area," Ms Saffioti said.

"This corridor is not serviced by a freeway and it is not serviced by any direct link to the city; therefore the Government needs to do something to improve the roads in the area.

"The Minister for Transport is visiting the area on Wednesday to officially turn the sod at the Whitman Edge Joint Venture Development.

"I encourage him to take the time to view these roads for himself and take note of the transport issues residents in this corridor are faced with on a daily basis."

When Mr Buswell was first made Transport Minister Ms Saffioti outlined these issues to him and invited him visit the area to see the traffic hotspots firsthand.

The Barnett Government must move now to improve key infrastructure in the north eastern corridor.

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