

FORRESTFIELD–AIRPORT LINK — COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

624. MR N.W. MORTON to the Minister for Transport:

Can the minister please inform the house whether the community will be consulted as part of the very important Forrestfield–Airport Link project?

Mr D.C. NALDER replied:

I assure the member for Forrestfield that I share his enthusiasm for this project. Everyone in metropolitan Perth stands to benefit from this substantial infrastructure project. We will do a lot of consultation.

Mr J.R. Quigley interjected.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, member for Butler. I call you to order for the second time.

Mr D.C. NALDER: I can confirm that Public Transport Authority staff were present at the Perth Airport master plan community consultation session conducted by the Perth Airport in late June and early July. In the near future, the PTA will conduct specific Forrestfield–Airport Link consultation sessions. The first session is on Tuesday, 2 September at the Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre. There will be six consultation sessions in this round, and they will be about sharing the broader planning aspects of the project, such as route alignment and station features. Community members are encouraged to ask questions to understand how this project is likely to affect their journey choices. Later, as the project progresses, the PTA will hold further community consultations to explain how it sees the bus network in these areas aligning, so people know how they will fit into the train timetables. The bus networks will become feeder bus services. We are also considering the broader implications for the cycling network. We encourage members of the community to actively engage with these consultation sessions and have their say.