

TRANSPORT — MID-TIER PUBLIC TRANSPORT STRATEGY MEETING

655. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to a recent meeting between Hon Rita Saffioti, Minister for Transport, and the consortium of 15 local governments relating to planning a Mid Tier Public Transport strategy and ask:

- (a) What work has the Department of Transport undertaken already in relation to Mid Tier Public Transport;
- (b) Have key corridors been identified by the Department of Transport, Western Australian Planning Corporation (WAPC) or Public Transport Authority? If yes please detail the corridors identified and level of priority;
- (c) When will the Government announce that it is preparing a Mid-Tier Public Transport Strategy for Perth;
- (d) What funding or resourcing has been committed to developing the Strategy;
- (e) Will all options of Mid Tier transport be considered by the strategy? If any options will be excluded, please detail those options and why they are being excluded;
- (f) Will any strategy be complete ahead of the 2024/25 financial year;
- (g) Given the Local Government consortium have already undertaken a significant amount of work, what additional research will the Department of Transport undertake;
- (h) Will the interaction between Mid Tier Public Transport and existing train infrastructure be considered by the strategy;
- (i) Will the interaction between Mid Tier Public Transport and future train infrastructure be considered by the strategy; and
- (j) How will this plan differ from the Perth Greater CBD Transport Plan?

Ms R. Saffioti replied:

- (a)–(j) The McGowan Labor Government’s METRONET program is the largest investment in heavy rail in Perth ever. With many previously announced projects currently in delivery, the focus is now turning to how to complement the heavy rail network through mid-tier transit solutions.

In 2023, the METRONET Office will lead a cross-transport portfolio project to investigate short, medium and long-term mid-tier transit options for Perth, building on the large body of work already completed in recent years, including that from stakeholders including local government.