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Productivity
Road and Rail Transport Infrastructure

WHAT IS THE ISSUE?

The City of Wanneroo, as Perth's northernmost metropolitan local government, is an important conduit to the State's north, and to the east to the Perth Darwin Highway for commercial, industrial and residential traffic.

Efficient transport infrastructure in the City of Wanneroo is critical to supporting economic growth across Western Australia, particularly in freight, advanced manufacturing and industrial employment. It enables efficient logistics, supports workforce access, and strengthens local, State and national transport connectivity. Beyond industrial impacts, ensuring effective and efficient connections for a growing resident population is also vital.

The City of Wanneroo is already home to more than 250,000 people across 685km^2 and forecast to grow to more than 438,000 people by 2046, placing significant pressure on existing transport networks and requiring timely investment in both road and public transport infrastructure.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATE?

Industrial

- Unlocking efficient freight connections to these industrial areas is critical to attracting private investment, supporting local jobs, and strengthening Western Australia's economic productivity.
- Wangara Industrial Area is the City's most significant and well-established industrial area. It is currently home to over 4,000 businesses employing close to 20,000 workers.
- Home to the world-leading Australian Automation and Robotics Precinct, Neerabup Industrial Area is an emerging industrial hub set to become the City's largest employment centre, supporting up to 30,000 jobs when fully developed.
- RAV7 road connections (enabling larger freight vehicles up to 36.5 metres in length) are required to catalyse private investment in Neerabup and fully realise the resulting economic activity and employment potential.
- Without these critical freight connections, industrial growth and investment in the northern corridor will be constrained.

Residential

- Fit-for-purpose transport infrastructure, including public and active transport options, is essential to supporting the delivery of the East Wanneroo District Structure Plan, unlocking new housing supply, enabling local employment opportunities and ensuring residents can access jobs, education and services.
- The recently announced Carabooda Urban precinct, with an expected 25,000 new residents, will also impact transport demand.

WHAT DOES THE COMMUNITY NEED?

Priority freight and industrial connections:

- Construct stage one of the Whiteman Yanchep Highway from Ocean Reef/Gnangara Road up to Neaves Road, improving access to Neerabup Industrial Area.
- Upgrade Neaves Road RAV7 connection from Neerabup Industrial Area to the Perth–Darwin Highway.
- Realign and upgrade Whitfords Avenue – Gnangara Road in Wangara Industrial Area. This project was announced to proceed to concept stage following the 2025 WA State election however construction funding is yet to be announced.

Key transport connections for growing communities:

- Deliver a mid-tier transit system to facilitate the East Wanneroo District Structure Plan delivery.
- Dual Yanchep Beach Road from Marmion Avenue to Wanneroo Road, including extending the shared path network. The first stage of this project is underway, with design stage funding over two years from WA State Government commencing in 2026/27.
- Investigate Lukin Drive extension between the Mitchell Freeway and Wanneroo Road to connect Wesco Road.

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HOW CAN WE MAKE IT HAPPEN?

The City of Wanneroo asks the State and/or Federal Government to:

- Prioritise constructing stage one of the Whiteman Yanchep Highway from Ocean Reef/ Gnangara Road up to Neaves Road, including the Pederick Road RAV7 connection.
- Commit to upgrading Neaves Road to RAV7 standard, improving freight access to the Perth–Darwin Highway.
- Fast-track the realignment of Whitfords Avenue – Gnangara Road to support Wangara Industrial Area*.
- Fund and deliver a business case for rail and mid-tier public transport options to service East Wanneroo.
- Commit construction funding to dual Yanchep Beach Road and expand the shared path network^.
- Investigate an eastern connection from Lukin Drive to improve network connectivity.

For more information, visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au/advocacy

City of Wanneroo

*Concept stage announced following the 2025 WA State election. The City is engaged in discussions with Main Roads WA. ^The City plans to upgrade Yanchep Beach Road to a dual carriageway between Marmion Avenue and Spinnaker Boulevard, primarily aimed at improving road safety and managing congestion. The project is planned for delivery over two years, commencing in FY 2026-27.

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