



Minister for Transport; Disability Services

Hon. Simon O'Brien MLC

Our ref: 29-14511

Hon Giz Watson MLC
Member for North Metropolitan Region
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Dear Ms Watson

Perth to Fremantle Principal Shared Path

I refer to the email of 12 July 2010, from your electorate office to the Hon Brendon Grylls MLA, Minister for Regional Development; Lands, requesting information on the Perth to Fremantle Principal Shared Path (PSP). The request has been referred to me for a response as the PSP is within the responsibilities of my portfolio.

The Department of Transport (DoT) has provided \$700,000 of funding to Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) for the construction of the missing section of the Perth to Fremantle PSP between Shenton Road and Claremont Station. The design has been completed and it is expected that the construction will commence in the current financial year.

In addition, DoT, the Public Transport Authority and the City of Nedlands have contributed \$15,000 each to fund the design of the missing sections of the Perth to Fremantle PSP between Shenton Park Station and Loch Street Station. MRWA has also contributed approximately \$16,000 in kind to this project by obtaining survey information that will be used in the design process for the sections in question.

Completion of the missing sections from Shenton Park Station to Loch Street Station and the section from Shenton Road to Claremont Station will result in a continuous path between the Perth Central Business District and Grant Street Station. The link between Grant Street Station and Fremantle will continue to be via on-road lanes on Curtin Avenue for the immediate future due to uncertainty around future land use south of Grant Street Station. There are a number of projects which would have an effect on the potential alignment of the path including replacement of the Eric Street Bridge, development of the Cottesloe Railway Lands, Jarrad Street rail crossing, Leighton Beach Development and realignment of Curtin Avenue.

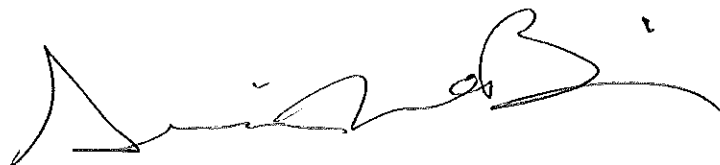
Funding beyond the 2010-11 financial year for the construction of PSPs has not been determined. The allocation of any future funds will be based on priority and sections of the Perth to Fremantle PSP would need to demonstrate a higher priority than similar projects elsewhere to attract funding.

In the 2010-11 financial year DoT has a budget of \$1.91 million for the construction of cycling infrastructure in the Perth metropolitan region. Of this, \$1 million has been allocated to the Perth Bicycle Network Local Government Grants Program. This program provides funding for up to 50% of the cost of successful projects with the remaining funds being sourced from local government sources. It is possible for the relevant local government authorities to apply through the grants program to construct sections of the Perth to Fremantle PSP, but for 2010-11 no such applications were received.

It should be noted that the current funding to construct the Perth to Fremantle PSP is provided through state funding sources. The only exception to this is \$15,000 that the City of Nedlands has contributed toward the cost of the design work for the missing sections of PSP between Shenton Park and Loch Street Stations.

Thank you for your interest in cycling issues.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon O'Brien', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**SIMON O'BRIEN MLC
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT**

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