

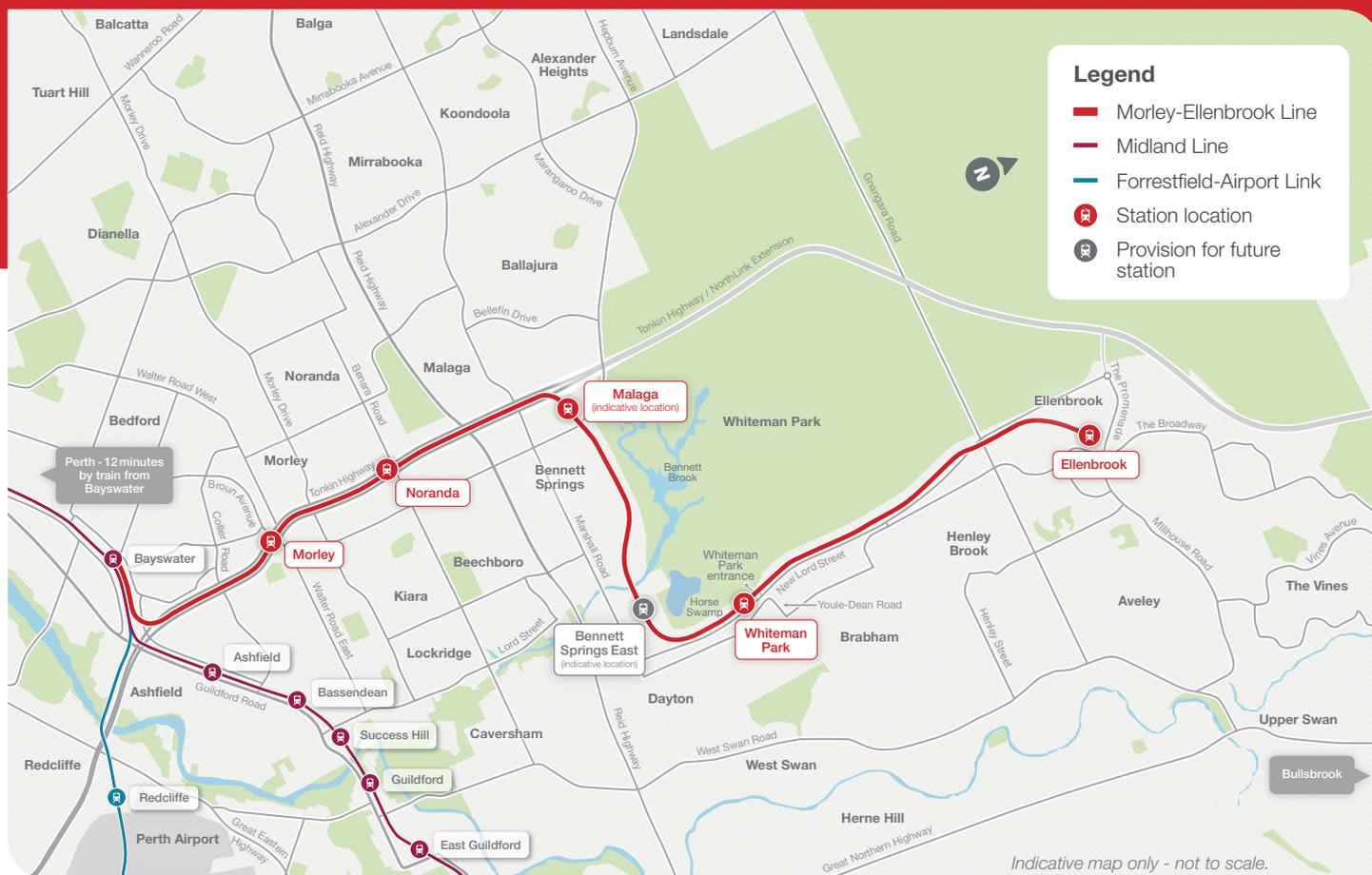
Morley-Ellenbrook Line alignment confirmed

The McGowan Government is delivering a key election commitment to build the Morley-Ellenbrook Line, with the route and indicative station locations now confirmed.

After shortlisting and detailed consideration of more than 100 possible options, the new 21km rail line will travel from Ellenbrook's growing town centre, down the western side of New Lord Street, through land north of Marshall Road and finally down the middle of Tonkin Highway, connecting at Bayswater Station on the Midland Line.

Stations will be built at Ellenbrook, Whiteman Park, Malaga, Noranda and Morley with a planned station at Bennett Springs East, to be developed when planning for the area is finalised.

While the exact alignment is subject to further design, confirmation of the general project corridor allows for the environmental approvals process to begin. Works on the project will begin later this year at Bayswater Station, creating thousands of jobs.



Bayswater Station – the upgrade of Bayswater Station marks the start of the Morley-Ellenbrook Line with work starting in 2019. Two platforms (four platform faces) at this station will accommodate the Midland Line, Forresterfield-Airport Link and Morley-Ellenbrook Line services.

Morley Station will be built in the middle of Tonkin Highway at Broun Avenue. Connections to the Morley Galleria, surrounding businesses and community will be provided through high-frequency bus services.

Noranda Station will also be located within Tonkin Highway, two kilometres north of Morley Station, at Benara Road. It will serve the communities of Noranda and Morley as well as Beechboro, Kiara and Lockridge.

Malaga Station will provide efficient transport links to Landsdale, Alexander Heights, Ballajura, Malaga and Bennett Springs, connecting thousands of people to the Malaga employment hub. It will be located close to the intersection of Tonkin Highway and Marshall Road.

Bennett Springs East Station is planned as population levels increase and planning progresses in the area. Future proofing of the line will allow for a station to be built in this area in the future.

Whiteman Park Station will be opposite Youle-Dean Road, near the entry to Whiteman Park, and will serve the communities of Henley Brook, Dayton, West Swan and Brabham.

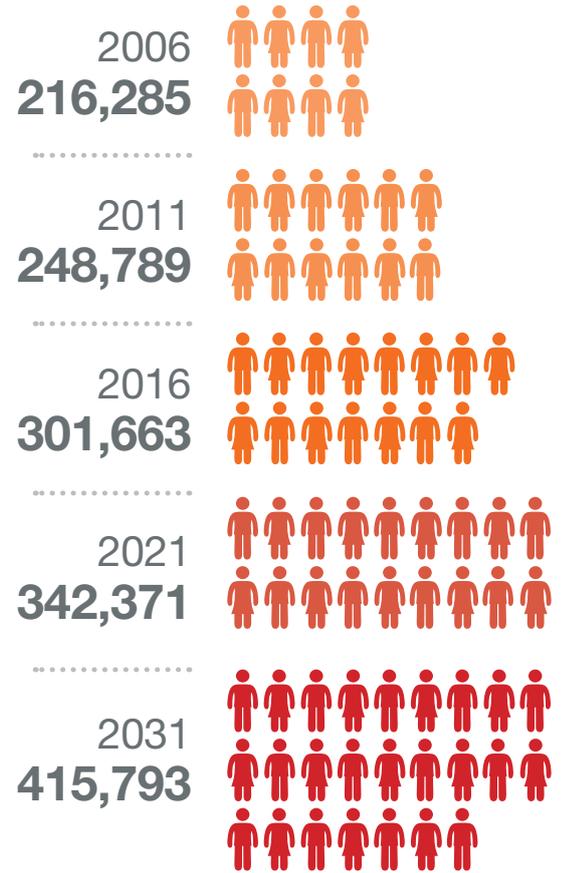
Ellenbrook Station will be in the town centre, south of The Parkway and west of Civic Terrace. It will support the area's growth as a major activity centre while making the most of the development opportunities nearby.

 Access to stations will be provided via Park and Ride, bus services and connections into local walking and cycling networks.

Project features

This major investment in public transport will give people in the north-eastern suburbs of Perth a different transport choice, link important employment centres, promote housing diversity and help create a significant number of local jobs for our State. The next stage of planning will finalise estimated project costings, design and scope before moving into procurement and construction for:

- The final alignment of the tracks for the 21km line from the Midland Line, just east of Bayswater Station to Ellenbrook;
- Stations at Morley, Noranda, Malaga, Whiteman Park and Ellenbrook;
- Bus interchanges and parking facilities at stations;
- Track and associated infrastructure to allow the connection to the Midland Line near Bayswater Station;
- Grade separations at key road crossings;
- Separated principal shared paths for walking and cycling access along the rail line;
- Preliminary land use planning around stations to create active urban places with mixed uses;
- Noise and vibration modelling to identify potential mitigation measures; and
- Additional train and bus rollingstock needs.

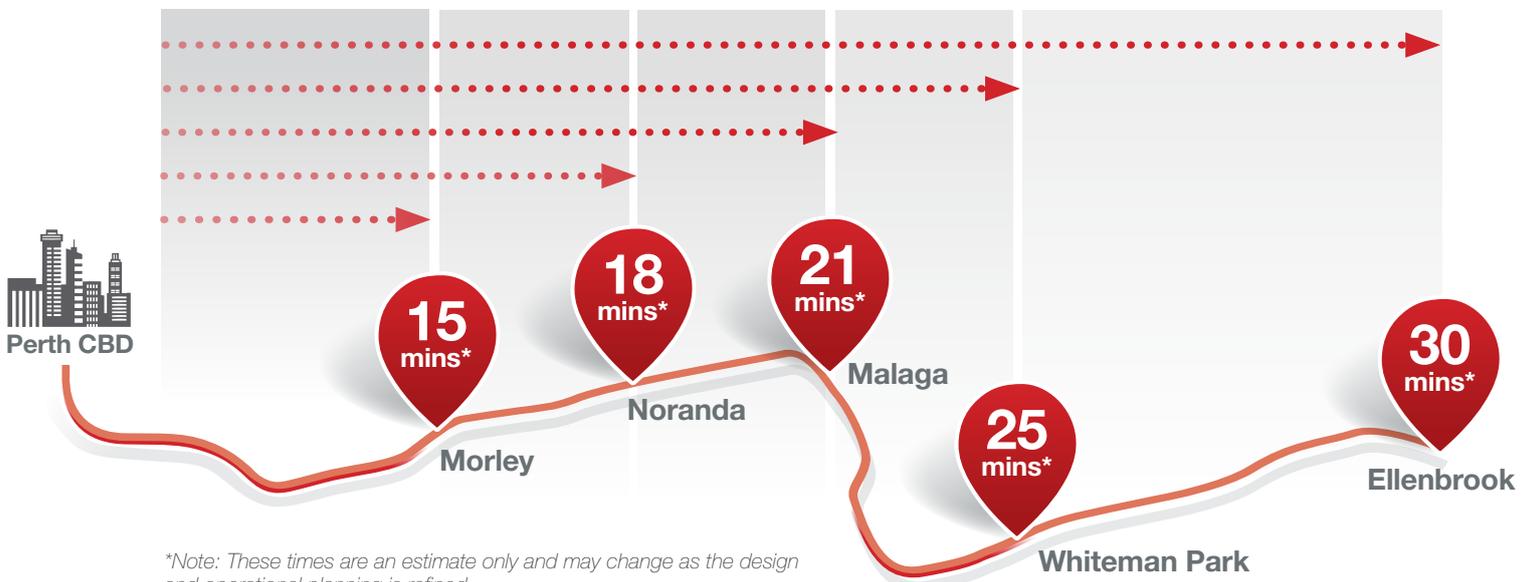


Source: ABS Census 2006, 2011, 2016, MLUFS 1.3

Perth's north-eastern suburbs (from Perth CBD to Bullsbrook, and from Landsdale to The Vines) is one of Australia's fastest growing areas with the population expected to almost double from 2006 to 2031.

Estimated journey times

Linking into Bayswater Station gives passengers from Perth's north-eastern suburbs the choice of travelling to the Airport, Midland, the CBD and beyond. Currently, catching public transport from Ellenbrook to the CBD takes approximately an hour. The following is an estimate of the journey times to each station from the Perth CBD:



*Note: These times are an estimate only and may change as the design and operational planning is refined.

Heritage and environment

The METRONET Office acknowledges the People of the Noongar Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters on which the METRONET Program of Projects, including the Morley-Ellenbrook Line, is located. As such, as part of this project, we are undertaking ongoing consultation with the Whadjuk Group, through engagement with the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC).



METRONET is committed to minimising and offsetting the impacts of the project on environmentally sensitive areas, including Whiteman Park. Flora and fauna assessments will take place to identify any endangered or vulnerable species. Any project areas marked for clearing will be inspected, both before and during construction.

Noise and vibration



Independent noise and vibration modelling is a key part of the planning process for the Morley-Ellenbrook Line. This modelling identifies the location and types of mitigation options that may be required to minimise impacts on nearby residents and other noise-sensitive receptors. Over the coming months, as the scope and technical detail is finalised, these measures will be investigated further.

Next steps...

- Award Bayswater Station Upgrade contract
- Award Tonkin Highway Gap project contract
- Finalise the Business Case and submit to Infrastructure Australia
- Finalise the Project Definition Plan
- Start procurement process
- Pass an amendment to the Railway (METRONET) Act 2018 through State Parliament



The Morley-Ellenbrook Line project aims to:



Improve connectivity and transport options in our north-eastern suburbs;



Reduce congestion and change travel behaviours;



Improve liveability through the creation of places with accessible connections, mixed uses, diverse housing options and opportunities for businesses to grow; and



Create thousands of jobs, unlock economic development potential and provide improved access to employment opportunities.



Frequently Asked Questions



Why couldn't the line continue to travel along Tonkin Highway to Gnangara Road, along the western side of Whiteman Park?

This option was considered in the early planning phase, however having the line in this location would not adequately service the growing suburbs on the eastern side of Whiteman Park such as Henley Brook, Dayton, Brabham and West Swan. The design for Malaga Station will allow for a potential longer-term rail extension in the median of the Tonkin Highway.

Will the line extend beyond Ellenbrook?

Not as part of this project. However, the transit reserve does extend to the northern part of Ellenbrook. Design of the Morley-Ellenbrook Line is considering the need to allow for future extension as the population and demand may require it, but this will be subject to future planning and consideration by Government.

With houses close to the rail line in some locations, will there be noise walls?

This project is required to comply with noise regulations as outlined in *State Planning Policy 5.4 - Road and rail transport noise and freight considerations* (SPP5.4). Early modelling is currently underway along the length of the proposed alignment and will be finalised once the project design is confirmed. This will help inform the project as to the most effective way to reduce noise from the railway and ensure compliance with SPP5.4 once the line is operational.

How many parking bays will there be at the stations?

This level of detail is not yet finalised. Station access including parking, feeder bus services, cycling and walking are all key considerations in planning the Morley-Ellenbrook Line. Now that the project corridor and station locations are confirmed, parking and other modes of station access will be designed.

Keep in touch

Building public transport infrastructure in the community for the community always requires input from local stakeholders. As the project progresses, there'll be opportunities to share your opinions, ideas and feedback. To keep across these opportunities, as well as all our project news and progress, visit our website and sign up to receive project updates.

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