

# Whiteman Park and the Morley-Ellenbrook Line

**The Morley-Ellenbrook Line will connect Whiteman Park, one of Perth's largest and most popular attractions, to the broader city.**

With a station planned at Whiteman Park's main entrance, the new train line will maximise tourism opportunities and create more transport options for visitors to the park, along with improving accessibility for those living in the nearby suburbs of Henley Brook, Brabham and Dayton.

## An alignment north of Marshall Road

After assessing more than 100 potential routes, the best option identified was to locate the line through the Marshall Road lands to serve the Malaga employment hub, Whiteman Park and growing communities in Bennett Springs, Dayton, Brabham and Henley Brook.

The proposed alignment allows space for Malaga Station on State-owned land - including a bus service and car parking - which will provide efficient transport links to nearby Landsdale, Alexander Heights, Ballajura, Malaga and Bennett Springs.

The proposed route is through Marshall Road lands managed by the Western Australian Planning Commission. This land has not been a core part of the park for more than 20 years and is not currently accessed or used by the public. The Whiteman Park Strategic Plan, released in January 2017, also identified the Marshall Road lands as non-essential to the operation and integrity of the park.

By locating the Morley-Ellenbrook Line through land north of Marshall Road, it avoids significant environmental areas and crosses Bennett Brook at one of its narrowest points and at a location that has been conditionally endorsed by consulted Noongar representatives and knowledge holders.

## Minimising environmental impacts

**METRONET recognises the importance of Whiteman Park as a unique conservation and recreation area and is committed to minimising any impacts.**

To inform how the project can minimise its impacts, METRONET is consulting with key stakeholders and undertaking a number of environmental studies including wetland assessments, water monitoring and noise and vibration assessments.

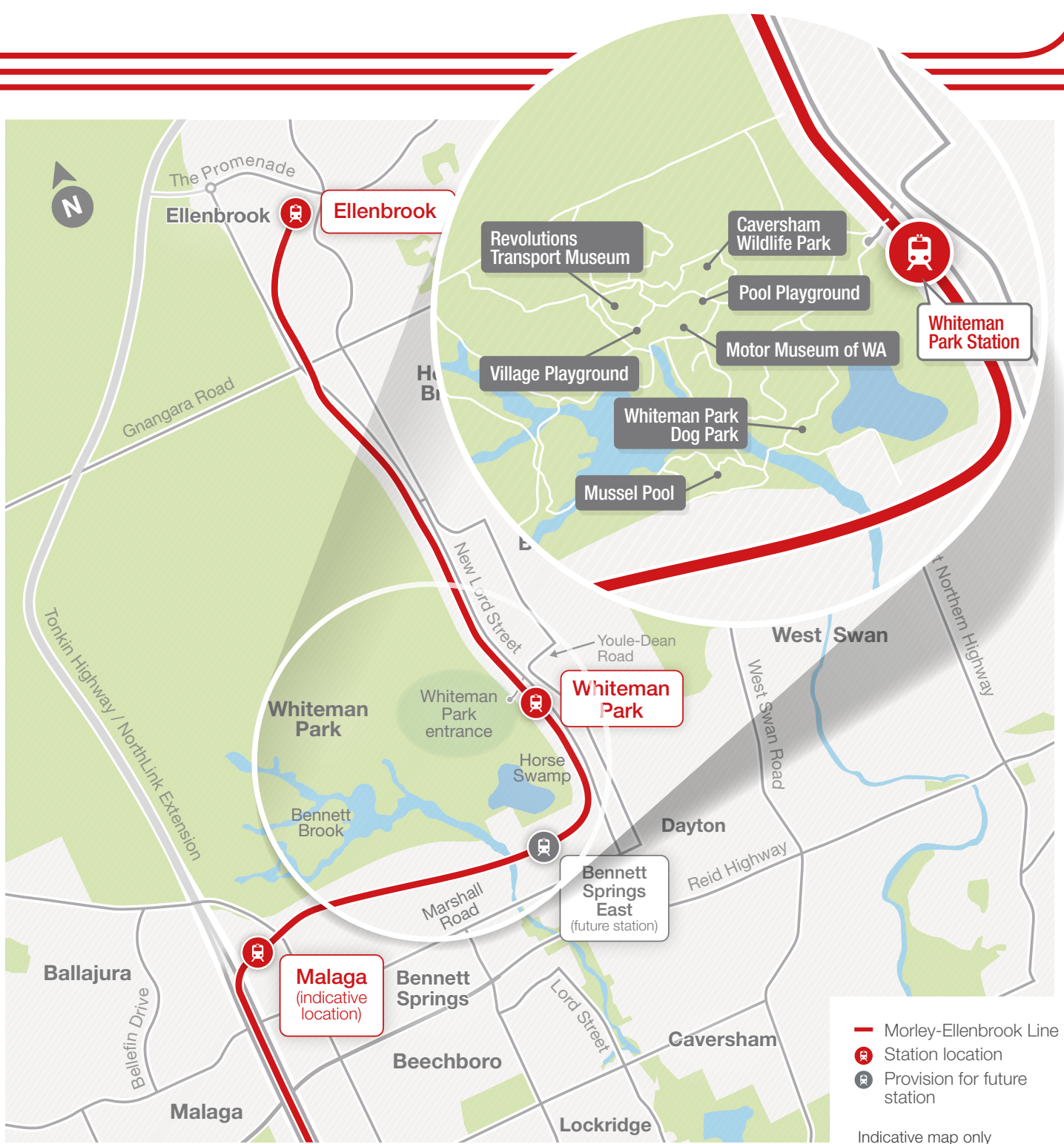
Flora and vegetation assessments have been undertaken and any areas marked for clearing will be inspected before and during construction.

Fauna studies, including kangaroo monitoring, will also take place within and around Whiteman Park to ensure appropriate management during construction and rail operations.



## West versus east of Whiteman Park

Locating the Morley-Ellenbrook Line in the Tonkin Highway median west of Whiteman Park 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 the park such as Henley Brook, Dayton, Brabham and West Swan. It would also remove the opportunity to maximise the tourism potential of having a station at the Whiteman Park entrance.



## Alternative alignments considered

An alignment along Reid Highway was considered, however having the rail line exit Tonkin Highway at Reid Highway was technically very challenging due to the new NorthLink interchange. It would also restrict an opportunity for new stations to serve Noranda, Malaga and Bennett Springs East as there is insufficient land in Reid Highway for new stations without significant private land acquisition.

Having the line run along Marshall Road was also assessed. However, it was not possible to exit Tonkin Highway at or below Marshall Road without conflicting with high voltage transmission lines, major reworking of the road bridge, significant land acquisition and would restrict an opportunity for new stations to serve Noranda or Malaga.

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