

Project overview

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ABOUT THE PROJECT



The \$1.86 billion Forrestfield-Airport Link is jointly funded by the Australian and Western Australian governments and will deliver a new rail service to the eastern suburbs of Perth – with three new stations at Redcliffe, Airport Central and High Wycombe.

The rail link supports part of the METRONET vision for a well-connected Perth with more transport, housing and employment choices. The Airport Line will spur off the existing Midland Line near Bayswater Station and run to High Wycombe through twin-bored tunnels.

In April 2016 the Public Transport Authority awarded the design, construct and maintenance contract to Salini Impregilo – NRW Joint Venture.

First trains will operate on the new Airport Line in the first half 2022.

Spurring off the existing Midland Line, the Forrestfield-Airport Link is a new rail service to Perth's eastern suburbs. This landmark transport project will enhance the existing network by providing three new stations connected via twin-bored tunnels.

Due to be completed in the first half of 2022, this project is part of the State Government's METRONET vision to better connect suburbs and reduce road congestion.

Once operational the Airport Line will:

- Increase public transport options for the eastern suburbs and foothills area.
- Create additional capacity on the Midland Line to meet the growing passenger need.
- Support domestic and international tourism with improved access between the city and Perth Airport.
- Drive residential and commercial development around the new stations at Redcliffe, Airport Central and High Wycombe.
- Relieve pressure on Perth's roads.

In the first year of operations the Airport Line is expected to generate 20,000 passenger trips on the network every day – increasing to 29,000 daily by 2032.

Trains will be stopping at all stations between High Wycombe and Claremont, where infrastructure for trains to turn back is located.

3 new stations













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Redcliffe Station

Located 9kms from Perth CBD at the junction of Brearley Avenue and Dunreath Drive, Redcliffe Station will service the growing local community, as well as the airport business park and direct factory outlet. The station, which incorporates local heritage in its design, will enable passengers to reach the CBD within 15 minutes for the cost of a two-zone fare. The precinct will also include a bus interchange and 500-bay car park.

Airport Central Station

Located immediately south of the air traffic control tower adjacent to Terminals 1 and 2, Airport Central Station will significantly change travel to and from Perth Airport. An elevated and enclosed walkway – the Skybridge – will provide a link between the terminals and the new underground station. The direct journey to the Perth CBD will only take 18 minutes for the cost of a two-zone fare.

High Wycombe Station

Located adjacent to Dundas Road, east of the Forrestfield freight marshalling yard and south of Maida Vale Road, High Wycombe Station will provide an accessible and efficient transport option to and from the city for Perth's eastern suburbs and foothills. Passengers will enjoy a 20-minute journey to the CBD and a two-minute journey to Perth Airport. The station precinct also incorporates a bus interchange, 180 secure bicycle bays and parking for up to 1200 vehicles.



The Forrestfield-Airport Link route is in close proximity to five of the most congested roads in Australia. By offering an alternative transport solution it is anticipated the project will play a key role in **reducing congestion on these Perth roads**.



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