# Background Information

For roads in the Metropolitan area, there are two important designations. Firstly, their Administrative Road Classification as to whether they are managed by the State (i.e. Main Roads) or Local Government, which reflects the current role and usage of the road. Secondly, the designation of the road as Regional Road or not under the Metropolitan or Peel Region Schemes, which reflects the future role and function of the road for planning purposes.

The *Future Roads Project*, initiated in 2015, was the first major Road Classification Review undertaken since the mid-1990’s, and only the third major classification review in Main Roads history.

In 2015, a Working Group, with representation from Main Roads, WALGA and Local Government, was established to review and update the Road Administrative Classification Criteria to determine which roads may become State roads in the future. The project, known as the *Future Roads Project - Metropolitan*, analysed and tested a variety of scenarios to identify roads that may meet these new criteria, focusing particularly on State strategic documentation.

The *Future Roads Project – Metropolitan* produced a revised set of Road Classification Criteria, consistent with a modern interpretation of the Main Roads Act 1930. The Assessment Criteria were divided into two tiers, the first being a broad filter, resulting in about 20 roads in the Metropolitan area (Perth and Peel) passing this tier. The second tier involves further detailed analysis, to be undertaken in the short, medium or long term, and subject to the provisions of the Main Roads Act 1930, including funding availability.

It was recognised that the *Future Roads Project* could result in a substantial increase to the State road network with significant ongoing costs to State Government, including periodic maintenance and upgrading costs, as well as resourcing implications across many areas within Main Roads. Conversely, Local Government will have fewer roads to maintain and reduced maintenance costs.

The revised Metropolitan Road Administrative Classification Criteria and methodology was endorsed by WALGA State Council in March 2018.

A similar review of rural roads (*Future Roads Project – Rural*) with representation from Main Roads, WALGA and Local Government Regional Road Groups was endorsed by WALGA State Council in March 2019.

# Current Situation:

Following assessment under tier one of the new criteria, roads indicated for transfer in the short term were subjected to further detailed assessment (tier two) and Treasury approval for their transfers obtained. To date, roads transferred from Local to State Government resulting from the *Future Roads Project – Metropolitan* are:

Curtin Avenue

Kwinana Beach Road

Marmion Avenue

Ocean Reef Road / Gnangara Road to Tonkin Hwy

Thomas Road (east of Tonkin Hwy)

# Roads under future consideration:

The current Local Government roads under consideration for transfer to State Administration, subject to further detailed classification assessment and Treasury approval, are: (see also Map at Appendix A):

Abernethy Road

Anketell Road

Cockburn Road

Gnangara / West Swan Road (east of Tonkin Hwy)

Kewdale Road

Mundijong Road

Neerabup / Flynn Drive / Neaves Road

Nicholson/ Warton / Nicholson Road

North Lake Road

Ranford Road

Rowley Road

Russell Road

Stock Road (Tonkin to Great Northern Highway)

Welshpool Road East / Canning Road

Winthrop / Thomas / Loftus Street

Roads that provisionally meet the tier one criteria are shown as green on the map included in Appendix A and Regional Distributors that are considered likely to become State Roads are shown as red on the map.

Note: Each year Main Roads considers the list of possible Future State Roads and amends the list to include any additional roads considered to now have passed the criteria to become a State Administered Road. At this time the deletion of any roads from the list is also considered.

# Further information

The *Future Roads Project – Metropolitan* was also considered necessary to align with State strategic documentation, and to initiate protection of the corridors for identified roads.

Main Roads will, as a separate action, work with the Department of Planning Lands and Heritage and with affected Local Governments to align the Planning designation of key roads in the Metropolitan Region Scheme with the outcome of the *Future State Administered Roads Project.*

Information relating to the Road Administrative Classification criteria can be found on the Main Roads website.

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# APPENDIX A: Preliminary Assessment of Roads in Perth and Peel

**MAP – Currently being updated.**

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