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Expressions of interest called to design and deliver Perth's Karel Avenue Upgrade

The transformation of Perth's road network continues to gather pace, with expressions of interest called for the design and construction of a widened Karel Avenue bridge across Roe Highway.

Federal Minister for Urban Infrastructure Paul Fletcher said the project formed a key pillar of the \$2.3 billion WA Infrastructure Package which is expected to support 6,000 jobs.

"This upgrade is one of many vital projects being funded under the Turnbull Government's commitment to deliver almost \$7 billion worth of infrastructure projects in Western Australia and is yet another example of how the Turnbull Government is backing Western Australia and boosting the state economy," Mr Fletcher said.

Western Australian Minister for Transport Rita Saffioti said the Karel Avenue Upgrade was one of seven congestion-busting road projects set to be built in Perth's south over the next three years.

"Together we are delivering 22 kilometres of additional freeway capacity, addressing congestion at known bottlenecks such as Cockburn Central and improving access to employment hubs and medical facilities. This will result in a safer, more efficient, and predictable journey for all road users," Ms Saffioti said.

Federal Member for Tangney Ben Morton said the project, in southern Perth, would reduce congestion at the Karel Avenue/Roe Highway interchange, improving access to Roe Highway and Kwinana Freeway for residents of Leeming and Bull Creek.

"The interchange is the primary access to the Jandakot Industrial Area, which when developed is expected to support more than 8,000 jobs and 300 businesses. In addition to this project, the Murdoch Drive Connection will also reduce traffic and congestion through Leeming and Bull Creek," Mr Morton said.

As part of the upgrade, Main Roads will investigate widening Karel Avenue between Farrington Road and Berrigan Road to a four-lane dual carriageway, and lengthening the existing Karel Avenue bridge across the freight rail line immediately to the south of Roe Highway, to facilitate construction of the Thornlie-to-Cockburn rail line as part of METRONET.

The Australian Government has committed \$12 million to the \$15 million project with the Western Australian Government contributing \$3 million.

More information on the procurement process is available at <http://www.tenders.wa.gov.au>.

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