

Mitchell Freeway Extension

Burns Beach Road to Hester Avenue

An official ground breaking ceremony held in May signified the start of construction on the six kilometre Mitchell Freeway extension to Clarkson.

Western Australian Minister for Transport, Dean Nalder along with Members of State and Federal Parliament, representatives from the City of Wanneroo and key project team members to kick off the project.

The ceremony, held on site at the point where the new Mitchell Freeway / Neerabup Road interchange will be constructed, recognised the extension as a vital link that will take pressure off local roads and stimulate investment to enhance development of Perth's northern corridor.

Highlighting the investment in the State's road network, Mr Nalder said the project will deliver economic benefits to the local community.

"It will allow for the continued commercial and residential growth in Perth's northern suburbs and support the State's economy more broadly, including the creation of more than 100 jobs at the peak of construction," Mr Nalder said.



Pictured above: From left Jan Norberger (Joondalup), Peter Kasambanis, Paul Miles (Wanneroo), Ian Goodenough (Federal Member for Moore), Dean Nalder (WA Minister for Transport), Albert Jacob (Ocean Reef), Tracey Roberts (Mayor of Wanneroo)



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The Australian Government has contributed \$209.1 million to the \$261.4 million project.

Main Roads has awarded a contract to Leighton Contractors, who will be working closely with Main Roads to safely and efficiently deliver the project. We are pleased to be able to commence construction and commit to an accelerated program of construction to help improve traffic flow in this area. It is expected that the project will be finished by mid-2017.

As we finalise the project's final design, site establishment, vegetation clearing and earthworks have commenced, in line with our project timeline.



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PROJECT SCOPE



The project will deliver:

- Six kilometre extension of the freeway from Burns Beach Road, Joondalup to Hester Avenue, Clarkson;
- Interchanges at Burns Beach Road, Neerabup Road and Hester Avenue;
- Shared Path for pedestrians and cyclists, including pedestrian underpasses and a bridge;
- Noise mitigation, where required;
- Extension of Neerabup Road from Connolly Drive to Wanneroo Road;
- Widening of Hester Avenue from Hidden Valley Retreat to Wanneroo Road;
- Widening of Wanneroo Road from Flynn Drive to Hall Road;
- Reconfiguration of Flynn Drive / Wanneroo Road / Neerabup Road intersection; and
- Upgrade of Joondalup Drive / Wanneroo Road intersection.

Starting With Care

Local engagement and connections

Main Roads has been working closely with the community through our Community Reference Group to develop the project scope and road design. The 25 member group include representatives from the key suburbs along the alignment, community and environmental groups and government agencies.

As the construction of the project gets underway, we will continue to work with the local community. The group has been reformed as a Construction Reference Group (CRG) and will meet regularly during the delivery of the project.

Formed in 2013, The Community Reference Group has provided input into a range of project aspects including:

- Noise walls;
- Public art;
- Shared Paths;
- Landscaping; and
- Environmental impacts.

Keeping the community in mind

As a new neighbour in the area, we are keen to share information about the project with the local community. Come down to the Ocean Keys Shopping Centre to meet the team and find out more.

Location: Ocean Keys Shopping Centre, 36 Ocean Keys Boulevard, Clarkson

Time: 4pm to 8pm Thursday 17 September and 10am to 3pm Saturday 19 September

If you are unable to make it during these times, we encourage you to contact us directly using the details below.

Caring for the environment

We will strive to minimise impacts on the environment at every stage of construction. We have taken the opportunity to incorporate some proactive, environmentally friendly and sustainable initiatives into the initial site establishment and vegetation clearing activities including:

- Advanced trapping for fauna, such as bandicoots, with release back into Neerabup National Park so they could re-house;
- A walkthrough of the freeway corridor with the Construction Reference Group (CRG) to identify specific native trees and vegetation that could possibly be retained along the edge of the project footprint;
- Completed a pre-clearing survey of priority flora by an experienced botanist;
- An assessment of potential for the salvage of Grass Trees found within the freeway footprint;
- Collection and storage of seeds for re-vegetation at the completion of the project;
- Identification of weed impacted soil to be buried during construction to prevent weed spreading;
- Retention of suitable topsoil and mulching of some removed vegetation for re-use following construction; and
- Review of the environment management plans and associated techniques by the CRG.



Pictured above: From left Renata Zelina (CRG), David Barry (Leighton Contractors), Chris Raykos (Main Roads), Bob Mason (CRG) and Sabine Winton (CRG) on a walkthrough of the Freeway corridor to identify vegetation

REGISTER FOR PROJECT UPDATES

Want the latest project news delivered straight to your inbox? Register for updates at MFEenquiries@leicon.com.au. The project team is committed to keeping the local community up-to-date about the progress of construction and will be distributing regular updates via email.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you would like to know more about the Mitchell Freeway Extension, please visit the project page at mainroads.wa.gov.au.

CONTACT US

If you have a question about the project you are welcome to contact us on:

Call 1800 883 402

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