

Mitchell Freeway Extension

Burns Beach Road to Hester Avenue

FREEWAY EXTENSION WORKS IN FULL SWING

Major construction works are underway to extend Mitchell Freeway six kilometres north to Hester Avenue in Clarkson.

Funded by the Australian (\$209.1 million) and State (\$52.3 million) Governments, the Mitchell Freeway Extension Project began construction in May and will support the continued commercial and residential growth in Perth's northern suburbs.

Reflecting on the first few months of construction, Main Roads Project Director Chris Raykos said, "The project has got off to an excellent start with progress very visible on the ground."

"Major construction works are taking place across the entire project and will continue to gain momentum in the coming months."

Significant earthworks are underway and will continue into 2016 as 3.5 million tonnes of material will be relocated by project completion.

Before the end of the year, works are also expected to start on a number of structures, including the new Hester Avenue bridge and Neerabup Road bus underpass.

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Earthworks, involving trucks, scrapers, excavators and rollers, are underway across the entire project area to establish the levels of the freeway.



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NOISE WALLS

Almost five kilometres of noise walls will be installed as part of the project and to provide privacy screening for local residents. We have undertaken extensive noise modelling to determine the locations of the walls and are currently working with the Construction Reference Group to finalise their design.

Noise walls will be a minimum of 2.4 metres high and be constructed of limestone blocks. The walls will be installed within the road reserve between the freeway and residential properties. Installation is expected to begin in late 2015/early 2016.

Residents with properties that require noise walls will be contacted soon and will be kept informed throughout construction.

For more information about the noise walls please contact the Community Engagement Manager on 1800 883 402.



Aerial view of the project area looking towards Kinross, where noise walls will be installed between Fisherton Circuit and Clydebank Crescent in Kinross.



Aerial view of the project area looking towards Clarkson, where noise walls will be installed between Capitol Turn and Hemmings Close.



TRAILS CLOSED DURING CONSTRUCTION

The following scenic trails are closed and will be reopened in mid-2017 when the project is complete:

- 10th Light Horse Heritage Trail and
- Yaberro Budjara Heritage Trail at Hester Avenue and 4km north of Burns Beach Road.

These closures are necessary to ensure public safety while works are undertaken to widen Wanneroo Road and extend Neerabup Road.

As part of the project, underpasses will be installed where Neerabup Road and Hester Avenue intersect the Yaberro Budjara Heritage Trail to provide connectivity for trail users.

The parking area at the entrance to the 10th Light Horse Heritage Trail will be re-established at project completion.

OVER AND ABOVE THE EXTENSION



Aerial view of the future Flynn Drive/Wanneroo Road/Neerabup Road intersection. Traffic signals will be installed at this intersection to manage traffic movement.

We will be delivering upgrades to a number of other roads in the area. These will improve transport safety and efficiency in Perth's far north suburbs and include:

- Construction of two lanes in each direction at Wanneroo Road between Flynn Drive and Hall Road
- Reconfiguring and installation of traffic signals at Flynn Drive/ Wanneroo Road/Neerabup Road intersection
- Installation of extra turning lanes at Joondalup Drive/Wanneroo Road intersection
- Construction of two lanes in each direction at Hester Avenue between Hidden Valley Retreat and Wanneroo Road
- Reconfiguring Hester Avenue/ Ridgewood Boulevard intersection to a roundabout and
- Installation of an extra right turn lane from Wanneroo Road southbound to Hester Avenue westbound.

Works are underway to deliver these improvements which are due to be completed in mid-2017.



A new bridge will be constructed over the train line at Hester Avenue to accommodate two lanes in direction.



Aerial view of Neerabup Road Extension looking west towards Clarkson. Earthworks are underway to build up the levels along this new section of road.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What has happened to the vegetation removed by the project?

Most of the vegetation has been mulched and will be used in the re-vegetation at project completion.

We have donated a number of grass trees and tree logs to local schools for their nature playgrounds and other road projects to use in their re-vegetation.

What side of the train line will the freeway be located?

Similar to the existing freeway, the extension will have a carriageway constructed on either side of the train line. The northbound carriageway will be located between Kinross/Clarkson and the train line and the southbound carriageway will be located between the train line and Neerabup National Park.



The white PVC pipes with coloured tops scattered around the project area indicate the location of existing underground services, such as power.

What facilities will be provided for pedestrian and cyclists?

A four metre wide shared cycling and pedestrian path will be constructed on the western side of the freeway extension. Four underpasses and a bridge will be included as part of the new path network to separate pedestrians and cyclists from traffic for a safer journey.

Shared paths and provision for on-road cyclists will also be provided on Neerabup Road and Hester Avenue. The existing pedestrian and cycling facilities on Burns Beach Road will be maintained.

The duplicated Wanneroo Road will include a two metre wide sealed shoulders on either side of the road to accommodate cyclists.

How close will the freeway be to my property?

The distance between the freeway and adjacent properties varies depending on the space available in the road reserve. Please contact us and we can help you with information specific to your property.

What are all the white PVC pipes with coloured tops in the verge around the project area for?

These white PVC pipes mark the location of existing underground services, such as water, power and gas. The coloured tops represent the different types of services, for example yellow is used for gas.

Identification of existing services is undertaken at the start of the project to inform the design, as some services will need to be relocated to allow for the road upgrades.

We also identify these existing services so workers are aware of their location and if necessary measures can be implemented to ensure they are protected when we are undertaking construction activities in close proximity.

What is happening to the material relocated as part of the project?

To establish the finished ground levels of the freeway approximately 3.5 million tonnes of existing material is expected to be shifted by project completion. Where possible, material is being re-used within the project area. Material that is unable to be re-used within the project area is being taken to various locations around Perth, including property developments.

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