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Tonkin Gap Project and Associated Works Construction Update

This update contains important information about upcoming works near you. Works below are anticipated for September but may be weather dependent. To stay on track, we will also need to work on some Sundays.

Please drive carefully and observe the signage on the road. There is potential for longer than usual travel times and we encourage road users to plan ahead. Up to date information will be available through the Main Roads website and our Tonkin Gap Facebook page.

First bridge beams to be lifted into place at Railway Parade

From Friday 8 October until the morning of Monday, 11 October we will be installing bridge beams for one of the Railway Parade bridges. To install the bridge beams there will be traffic changes on Tonkin Highway between Guildford Road and Collier Road. Details will be communicated in the coming weeks. This marks a significant milestone for the upgrade and widening of Tonkin Highway, and a step towards eliminating the infamous Tonkin Highway bottleneck.

Midland rail shut

To allow for the bridge beams to be safely lifted over the train line, the Midland Line will also be closed from 8 to 11 October. Train replacement bus services will operate while train services are cancelled. For more details, including the closure times and operation of train replacement services please visit transperth.wa.gov.au closer to the date.

Railway Parade closure

To prepare for the beam installation we will be closing Railway Parade in both directions between Clavering Road and Wicks Street so we can store the 18 beams and assemble and disassemble the crane which will lift the beams into place.

- **When?**
 - 20 September to 18 October (24/7)

'Super stage' now live for Morley-Ellenbrook Line enabling works

From this week we will reduce Tonkin Highway southbound to two through lanes between Reid Highway and Collier Road until late 2022. Scan the QR code to find out more about the 'super stage'.

What is the 'super stage'? The 'super stage' is a single consistent traffic stage that will allow multiple areas to be worked on at the same time. This configuration will be in place for a longer time avoiding multiple different traffic arrangements throughout the project during the next year. Find out more here <https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/tonkin-gap#whats-happening>



Great Eastern Highway interchange works push ahead

It is expected that the services work along, and near, Great Eastern Highway will start to wrap up late-September, giving the construction team the opportunity to commence bulk earthworks, further clearing works and drainage installation.

Clearing

To continue the upgrade to the new Great Eastern Highway interchange, we are required to complete further clearing from 3 September. As the vegetation is close to the road, we need to do some of this work at night.

We always aim to retain as much vegetation as possible, however, the clearing is to accommodate the widening of Tonkin Highway and the new on-ramps to Tonkin Highway southbound.



Approximate clearing areas

Footbridges to start this month

As part of the upgrade to the new pedestrian shared path there will be two footbridges near the northbound Great Eastern Highway loop ramp. Works will include earthworks for the footbridges, followed by pier construction.

Noise wall construction to commence near Wyatt Road

Noise wall construction will start adjacent to Wyatt Road in Bayswater from early-September. The first stage will be for the piling rig to mobilise on site and for the concrete footings to be built.

River Road residents

Unfortunately, there has been a delay in constructing the noise walls near River Road, Bayswater, due to procurement delays on some materials. It is anticipated that noise wall construction will happen later this year. Further details will be communicated as soon as possible.

Broun Avenue works for new bridges

Traffic changes coming soon

As you may have noticed, we have been working on the southern abutments and piers for the Broun Avenue bus interchange bridge, and this month we will need to make more room to do further works. This will involve temporary pavement being constructed on the north, near Addlestone Reserve, and shifting traffic over. This means Broun Avenue will be reduced to a single lane over Broun Avenue bridge travelling westbound and modifications to the lights at Embleton Avenue and Broun Avenue. Night works will be required throughout September. Stay up to date on specific details at <https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/tonkin-gap#roadworks>

Marshall Road dive structure piling to start this month

From 1 September until mid-2022, you may notice some changes on Tonkin Highway between Hepburn Avenue and Marshall Road. Traffic will be shifted west to allow for the construction of the northern dive structure for the Morley-Ellenbrook Line. This will be where the Morley-Ellenbrook Line dives under Tonkin Highway to connect with the Malaga station. Look out for the piling rig coming in late-September to commence test piling.

What out of hours works are near me this month?

In September our crews will be working out of hours (7pm until 7am) in our project area and along Tonkin Highway between Dunreath Drive and Hepburn Avenue. The below out of hours works are coming up. Dates are subject to change and specific details will be communicated on the Facebook page and Main Roads WA website.

- Tonkin Highway between Dunreath Drive and Marshall Road
 - Intermittent night works
 - Ramp and lane closures
- Broun Avenue between Embleton Avenue and Beechboro Road N
 - Ongoing night works
 - Pavement construction and early concrete pours
- Tonkin Highway southbound verge from Mickleham Road to Cherry Court
 - 6 to late-September
 - ATCO gas main relocation
- Corner of The Court and Victoria Street
 - 6 to 10 September
 - Water Corporation sewage pipe relocation works
- Railway Parade – within the rail corridor below Tonkin Highway
 - 6 to 9 September and 17 to 20 September
 - Railway and Guildford bridge works

What can I expect?

- Works and vehicle movements may be noticeable across all areas.
- Noise and vibration management measures are in place, including use of the quietest equipment reasonably available.
- High noise level equipment will be located away from residential areas, and noisiest activities scheduled to take place earlier in the night.

- Works will be in accordance with a noise management plan approved by your local government authority.
- If you have concerns about our works, please call 138 138 (24 hours).

Newsletter coming out soon – with Tonkin Gap interchange designs

Stay tuned for a newsletter coming out soon which will include articles about the project, timeline of works, plus designs for Guildford Road and Great Eastern Highway interchanges!

Look out for each other and our workers by slowing down

Please take care when travelling through our project area and make sure you abide by the speed limits. Majority of Tonkin Highway is now reduced to 80km/h in both directions from Dunreath Drive to Reid Highway. When works are happening, this may be reduced further. Local police will be targeting speeding in our project area.



Did you feel the earth move?

During construction, you may feel vibrations from equipment like large excavators, rollers, piling rigs or from the movement of heavy vehicles. During these activities we actively monitor vibration levels, through real-time alerts, to make sure they are within required limits. While noise and ground vibration will be noticeable, all activities have been carefully planned to ensure the safety of the community and to avoid damage to property. Please call 138 138 if you have any concerns.

Towing after a crash or breakdown

Did you know the first tow truck on the scene does not have the right to tow your car? You decide who tows your vehicle and where it is towed to. If you find yourself obstructing traffic on a main road, we may help relocate you to a safer location at no cost. From there, you can arrange further towing services to take your vehicle to your preferred location. Please call 138 138 if you break down on a main road and need assistance.

For more information on Tonkin Gap

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