



# Mitchell Freeway Southbound Upgrade Hodges Drive to Hepburn Avenue

**We are planning to provide a third traffic lane along almost nine kilometres of Mitchell Freeway southbound, between Hodges Drive and Hepburn Avenue. Construction should begin in late 2020.**

## Project scope

In addition to the new traffic lane, we will also install sections of new concrete barriers adjacent to the rail reserve, between Hodges Drive and Reid Highway.

The project, subject to statutory approvals, may also include:

- Noise and amenity walls, where required
- Modifications to freeway on-ramps to enable future ramp signalling at Hodges Drive, Ocean Reef Road, Whitfords Avenue and Hepburn Avenue
- Verge-side emergency stopping bays
- Principal Shared Path (PSP) construction, upgrades and local connections.

\$76 million has been allocated for the freeway widening, which is jointly funded by the Australian (\$38 million) and State (\$38 million) governments.

## Noise mitigation

The impacts of noise from new roads is managed under State Planning Policy 5.4 "Road and Rail Transport Noise and Freight Considerations in Land Use Planning".

Baseline noise monitoring has already been undertaken along the proposed widening alignment to assess the current and projected 20-year noise levels.

We will do further noise modelling to determine the final location and design of any amenity or noise walls that may be required as a result of the third traffic lane.

## Project benefits

This freeway widening will lead to shorter, more reliable journey times for northern suburbs residents and industry, enhancing productivity and economic growth.

Improved community amenity and safety will be achieved by shifting traffic from the local road network onto the freeway route.

It will complement the Mitchell Freeway southbound widening works from Cedric Street to Vincent Street, delivering a combined additional 16 kilometres of lane capacity to the freeway network.

Once the Mitchell Freeway southbound upgrade is complete, it is anticipated the freeway's capacity between Hodges Drive and Hepburn Avenue, southbound, will increase by up to 50 per cent, saving an estimated 6 minutes for motorists during morning peak periods

## Next steps

We have sought expressions of interest from industry for a design and construct contract, which we anticipate to award in October 2020.

We will undertake consultation with adjacent property owners, businesses and key stakeholders, as required.

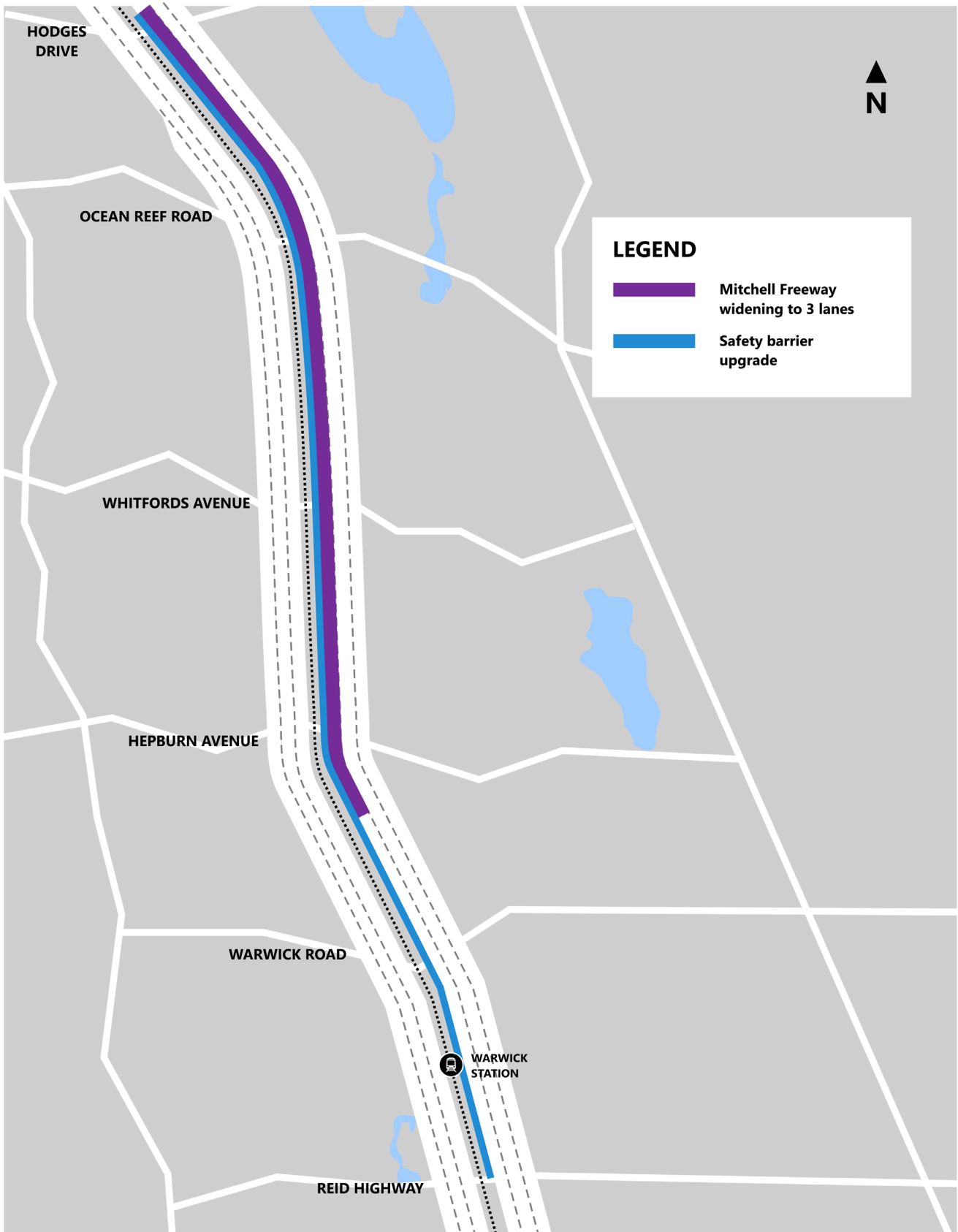
In the meantime, design work is progressing to finalise project details in readiness for construction.

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## Hodges Drive to Hepburn Avenue Concept Plan



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