

# Whiteman Yanchep Highway Gnangara Road to Neaves Road

## An Alignment Definition Study and Ultimate Planning Design Concept has been undertaken to identify and protect the road reservation for a future Whiteman Yanchep Highway

Whiteman Yanchep Highway is a proposed new north-south route in the North-West Corridor of Perth.

The proposed highway is intended to ease traffic pressure on Wanneroo Road and Mitchell Freeway in the future, due to Perth's forecasted population growth.

In preparation, it is necessary to protect the required road reservation for a northern extension of Tonkin Highway, towards a proposed interchange with Neaves Road, forecast to be required by 2031.

The proposed highway will eventually provide a strategic link to Mitchell Freeway in the Yanchep area by the time Perth's population reaches 3.5 million. The road reservation may also facilitate future public transport development as it will include space for heavy rail in the median.

Planning for the section between Tonkin Highway and Gnangara

Road was completed as part of the NorthLink WA project.

In February 2018, the WA Planning Commission (WAPC) endorsed Main Roads' recommendation to note the Whiteman Yanchep Highway (Gnangara Road to Neaves Road) Alignment Definition Study and the Ultimate Planning Design Concept and recommended road reservation as a key input into the East Wanneroo District Structure Plan (EWDSP).

As the EWDSP has now been finalised, Main Roads would like to protect the required land for the Whiteman Yanchep Highway using a Planning Control Area (PCA). This will enable the necessary environmental and other supporting information to be reviewed and updated to support a future Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS) amendment.

*It is important to note that this is a planning study only, and there is currently no funding for construction.*

The proposed Whiteman Yanchep Highway road reservation is shown overleaf.

### Project Rationale and Background

The *Perth Transport Plan for 3.5 Million People and Beyond* provides a long-term guide for the strategic development of a sustainable transport network into the future. Whiteman Yanchep Highway has been included in this plan to improve connectivity between planned urban development and employment centres and facilitate the efficient movement of regional freight and commuter traffic into the future.

### Current Status

Main Roads is undertaking consultation with directly affected landowners and stakeholders prior to requesting a PCA from the WAPC.

## Next Steps

Once consultation with directly affected landowners and stakeholders is complete, a proposal will be submitted to the WAPC to endorse the declaration of a PCA for a period of five years. PCAs provide for the interim reservation of land in anticipation of a future MRS amendment.

This will ensure the required road reservation for the proposed Whiteman Yanchep Highway is protected, providing certainty for landowners.

## Further information

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