

Mundijong Freight Rail Realignment Planning Study

Planning Control Area approved

Main Roads has been progressing a planning study to realign the existing freight rail line which currently traverses Mundijong and Mardella since 2019. The primary benefits of this realignment are safety and amenity improvements in the Mundijong Town Centre.

Concept design developed

A preferred rail corridor was announced in November 2022, following extensive community and stakeholder consultation.

Since then, a concept design was developed to confirm infrastructure footprint and land requirements. It was reviewed by key stakeholders including the Public Transport Authority, Arc Infrastructure and Main Roads. Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) and Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale have also reviewed aspects.

Through the review process, the design was refined further to reduce land impacts, consider population increases and local traffic demands; and limit environmental impacts.

As part of this, the feasibility of retaining the Randell Road rail level crossing was reviewed. The outcome was that the Randell Road connection to Wright Road via the level crossing will remain open; with the addition of boom gate controls.

Landowner discussions held

Once the land requirements were identified for the proposed freight rail realignment (and the extension of Tonkin Highway south of Mundijong Road to Randell Road in Mardella) individual discussions with landowners directly impacted were undertaken.

Protecting the land required through a Planning Control Area

✓ Main Roads submitted a request to the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) seeking support for a Planning Control Area (PCA) to be put in place to protect the land required for the future rail and highway corridors.

✓ Main Roads submitted relevant information to Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) who assessed the proposal and made a recommendation to the WAPC.

✓ The WAPC considered declaration of a PCA and provided recommendation to the Minister for Planning.

✓ The Minister for Planning approved the PCA and a notice was published in the Government Gazette.

The plans are now available on the DPLH website under PCA 178 and 179, see here:

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/document-collections/planning-control-areas>. A formal notification has also been issued by DPLH to all directly impacted landowners.

Now that the PCA is in place, the WAPC will consider requests to purchase impacted land in accordance with the requirements of the *Planning and Development Act 2005*. The ability to do so will depend, in part, on the availability of budgeted funds.

Further information

For more information about PCA related property claims, visit: <https://www.wa.gov.au/system/files/2023-12/your-property-and-the-planning-system-region-schemes.pdf>. For background information about the planning study please visit www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/mfrr, phone 138 138 or email enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au