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PROJECT UPDATE
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Great Northern Highway Overtaking Lanes Newman to Port Hedland



The Commonwealth and Western Australian State Governments have committed \$50 million for construction of priority overtaking lanes on Great Northern Highway, under the Northern Australia Freight Productivity Program.

Construction of five priority overtaking lanes on Great Northern Highway, between Newman and Port Hedland, has commenced.

The lanes will be delivered under the Northern Australia Freight Productivity Program, designed to upgrade roads that are essential for the movement of people and freight to support Western Australia's economic development.

Package One – Newman to Munjina (Auski)

A \$23 million contract has been awarded to Centrals Earthmoving to construct Package One, which consists of three southbound and two northbound overtaking lanes, between Newman and Munjina.

Pre-construction work for Package One are underway. Water and pavement material sources have been established and clearing work has commenced.

These five lanes are expected to be completed by the end of 2024.

Package Two – Munjina (Auski) to Port Hedland

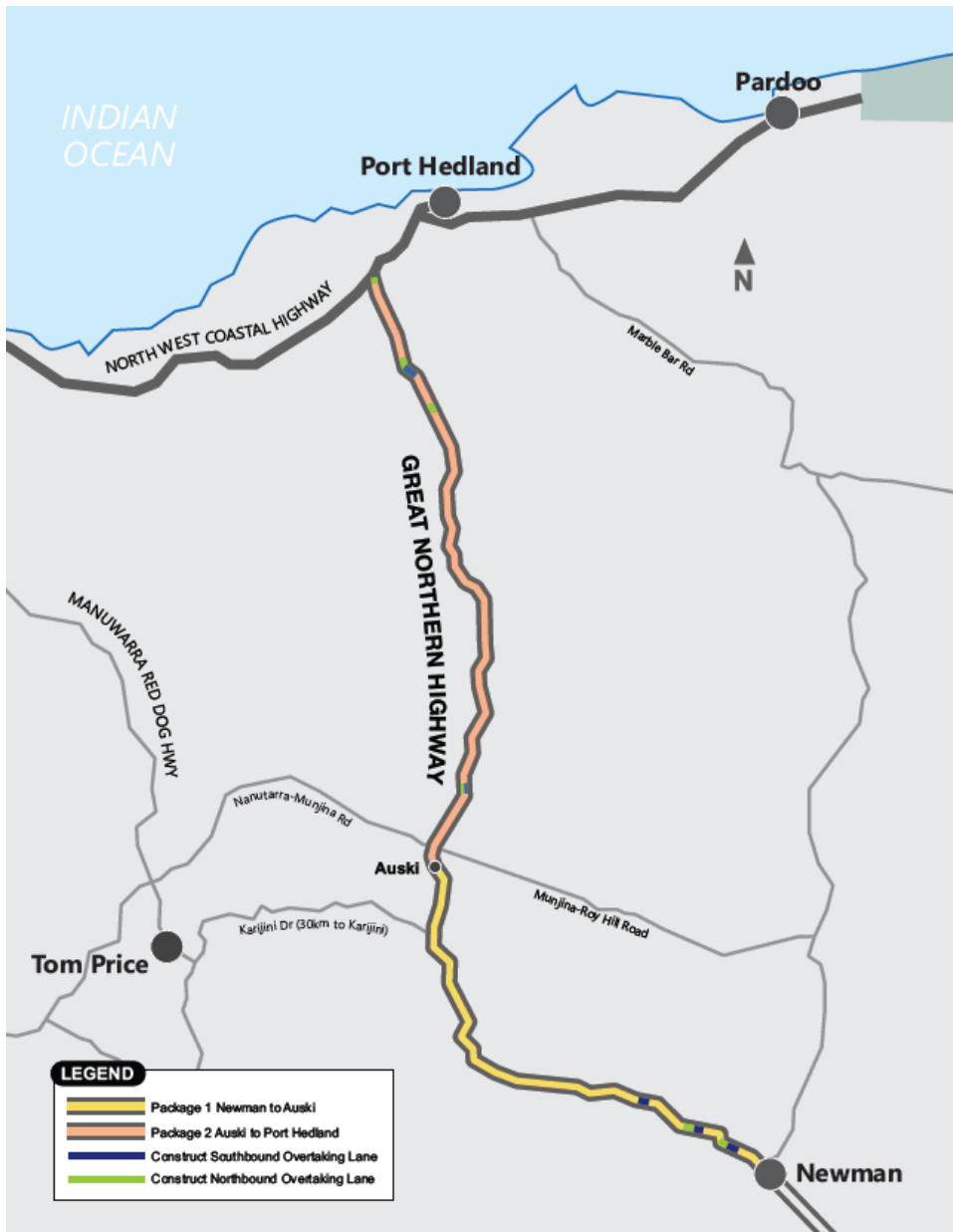
Package Two of the program includes construction of six overtaking lanes, which consists of two southbound and four northbound overtaking lanes, between Munjina and Port Hedland. A contract to deliver these six overtaking lanes is expected to be awarded before the middle of 2024.

Impacts to Road Users

While the overtaking lanes will be built in stages to help minimise the impact on road users, traffic management including speed reductions will be in place for the duration of the work program.

During construction of the overtaking lanes, single lane closures will also be in place and all traffic will be safely escorted through the work site behind “follow-me” vehicles. Delays can be expected throughout the construction period.

Road users are reminded to ***please be roadwork aware, slow down and take care.***



About Great Northern Highway

The 440 kilometre-long section of Great Northern Highway in the Pilbara carries a mix of light vehicles, towing vehicles, road trains and oversize over mass (OSOM) vehicles.

Heavy vehicles currently account for more than 60 per cent of the traffic volume on the road. This project will provide safer overtaking opportunities for road users, reducing the risk of conflict with heavy vehicles, improving road user safety and traffic efficiency. It will also support the growing mining sector in the region, helping to boost the State’s economy.

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