

Albany Ring Road Menang Drive and Chester Pass Road Flyover

Bridge construction underway



Construction of the Menang Drive and Chester Pass Road Flyover is underway.

The construction team mobilised to site in early February and hit the ground running. Initial works included vegetation clearing, topsoil stripping and installation of a compound and office facilities.

Bridge embankment earthworks

Due to Albany's seasonal construction conditions, the team is making as much progress as possible before the onset of the wet winter weather.

In late February, earthworks commenced on the eastern embankment of the flyover. Road users and local residents may have noticed tipper trucks bringing fill material onto site. This material is

being gradually compacted in layers, which will remain in place over winter, providing a firm foundation on which to build the new flyover ramps. Earthworks will continue over the coming months.

This month, works will commence on the western side of Chester Pass Road, where the flyover will connect into Menang Drive. Initial activity in this area will include vegetation clearing and topsoil stripping.

Bridge footings

In early March, preparatory works on the bridge footings also got underway. This includes excavations on either side of Chester Pass Road.

This will be followed by steel fixing and concrete pours for the footings and installation of abutment wall panels.

Lookahead

As we move into the cooler Autumn period the earthworks are likely to slow down as the wet weather sets in. However, works on the bridge will likely continue through most of winter.

What can road users expect during construction?

Most construction activity is taking place away from Chester Pass Road, however, on occasions, crews are working in the vicinity of the road and machinery is required to enter and exit the compound. For these reasons, a reduced speed limit of 60km/h is currently in operation on Chester Pass Road between Willyung Road and south of Greatrex Road.

A minor lane shift is also in place between Menang Drive and Greatrex Road.

Road users are encouraged to drive with care and be aware of the modified traffic conditions.

What can local residents expect during construction?

Dust management

We are aware that earthmoving activities can generate some dust and we are closely managing this activity to reduce impacts on nearby residents as far as possible. Water carts are on site to suppress dust and the wind direction is being carefully monitored to inform the selection of the works location.

Noise levels

While earthworks do not generate significant additional noise, we are monitoring the movement of vehicles through site and will reduce excessive vehicle movements as far as possible.



Grey Street path extension

Albany Ring Road update

Grey Street path extension now open

A missing link in Albany's cycling and pedestrian network has been completed with the Grey Street shared path extension now open.

Funded as part of the Albany Ring Road project and delivered by the City of Albany, the extension significantly improves the cycling route between the Albany CBD and the Torndirrup Peninsula, home to some of Albany's most spectacular natural attractions and tourist destinations.

The southern sections of the iconic Bibbulmun Track and Munda Biddi Trail are also being realigned to follow the new path, which weaves through bushland and heritage-listed World War 2 fuel storage tanks.

Prior to construction of the Ring Road, cyclists trying to access Frenchman Bay Road needed to cross two busy T-intersections and a rail level crossing. The new path network built as part of the Frenchman Bay Road interchange, together with the new Grey Street extension, allows cyclists to travel the route without any interaction with heavy vehicles.

Further information

To find out more about the Menang Drive and Chester Pass Road Flyover or to speak to a member of our Project team, please contact us on 138 138 or via email at enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au