



Leach Highway and Welshpool Road Interchange

What's happening

Project construction is at its peak as the final alignment takes shape. Traffic north and south along Leach Highway is flowing either side of the central area of the project, in a temporary alignment, to allow intensive work north and south of the bridge over Welshpool Road.

The most obvious works are the precast noise wall panels that have been installed at various areas along the new road boundary, the installation of the precast panels for the new bridges and all the sand being carted in to backfill these walls.

Construction activities for December and early 2022

The remaining precast retaining walls for the approaches to the new Leach Highway bridge over Welshpool Road are being erected, and infill will be ongoing during December, for both this bridge, and the duplicated rail bridge over Sevenoaks Street, Railway Parade and the Armadale passenger line.

The beams for this duplicated rail bridge will be placed in the first quarter of 2022. Sections of Railway Parade and Sevenoaks Street will be closed for approximately four days to facilitate building crane pads, assembling cranes, lifting and installation of bridge beams.

A section of Welshpool Road will be closed for a similar operation, also for approximately four days, for the Leach Highway bridge over Welshpool Road.

Detours will be in place during both closures, and notices will be distributed closer to the date.

The project is on track for completion in early 2023.

Community Engagement

Numerous stakeholder meetings have occurred from the early stages of the project and through these meetings, the Project team identified various sites that could potentially be sensitive to adjacent construction activities. To minimise the risks to these sensitive areas, the Construction team have used alternative construction techniques for road and wall construction alongside the post-war brick silos at Milne Feeds.

Stakeholder meetings continue with affected land and business owners. The team had a wonderful afternoon with some residents from Theo Kannis Village near Albany Highway. The team provided an update to the residents about the Project and they entertained the team with some pretty amazing stories of their own.

Traffic changes

During late November, temporary traffic lights were installed at the Leach Highway and Welshpool Road intersection for the temporary alignment of north and southbound traffic. This is to allow for the construction of the bridge and these traffic lights will be removed when the new roundabout beneath the Leach Highway bridge is completed.



The temporary alignment of Leach Highway and the Welshpool Road intersection.

Break over Christmas and New Year

The project will shut down from 5pm Wednesday 22 December, and work will resume on Tuesday 4 January. During the break, traffic management and reduced speeds will remain in place, so motorists are advised to continue to take extra care within the project zone.

If you observe any issues on site, please notify the Main Roads Western Australia Customer Call Centre on 138 138, and a Project team member will respond.

Dust, noise and vibration management

Comprehensive management plans are in place to minimise construction impacts. Across summer dust mitigation including water spraying and application of suppressant will be ongoing. Vibration monitoring will be in place to ensure construction activities are conducted within allowable limits.

We recognise traffic changes and construction activities can be disruptive, and we thank you for your patience while these works are underway.

How do I find out more about the project?

To stay up to date with the project, please subscribe to receive email notifications or visit our Leach Highway and Welshpool Road Interchange project webpage.

Email notifications include information about traffic changes, ongoing information about impacts and project status.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au or call 138 138. For more information, visit www.mainroads.wa.gov.au.