



Tonkin Highway Extension and Thomas Road Upgrade



Visualisation of Mundijong overview is based on design drawings, which are subject to change.

Early works paving the way for construction

Early site preparation continues across the Tonkin Highway Extension and Thomas Road Upgrade project area. This includes surveying, geotechnical investigations and service locating to inform the final design and enable future works.

Throughout June to August, activity will increase at key locations. While some clearing will occur, all work is undertaken under strict environmental approvals, with a strong focus on minimising impacts.

These early efforts are essential to keeping the project moving and will help deliver safer, more efficient connections for communities in Perth's growing south-east.

Join Us – Community Information Sessions

The project has been shaped by years of planning, technical investigations and community feedback.

Come along in June and July to:

- See the latest concept design
- Learn how community input is influencing the project
- Understand the importance of current investigations
- Talk with our design, construction, environment, traffic and engagement teams

Session 1

Tuesday, 24 June 2025, 3 pm – 7 pm
Briggs Park Pavilion – Main Function Room
38 Mead Street, Byford.

Session 2

Saturday, 5 July 2025, 9 am – 11 am
SJ Farmers Markets
2 Paterson Street, Mundijong.

Got a question specific to your property? Contact us at enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au or 138 138.

What works are happening?

Early works and site preparation

We're continuing geotechnical investigations, surveying and service locating across the project area. These activities help finalise the design and inform construction.

You may notice intermittent verge or lane closures during off-peak hours (typically 9:30 am–3 pm, Monday to Friday).

In late June, we'll begin site preparation works in the following locations:

- Mundijong Road – for site office set up and access tracks.
- Tonkin Highway median near Thomas Road – for temporary widening.

Some clearing of vegetation will be required. This is limited to essential areas and managed under strict environmental conditions.

Night works will be required to complete line marking and bollard installation on Tonkin Highway. Some noise is expected, but we'll do our best to reduce disruption. Specific dates will be provided on our project website and Facebook page closer to the works.

Looking ahead to July and August

Site preparation in key areas

From early July, we'll begin site preparation to enable access, utility works and temporary road connections. This includes:

- South of the Thomas Road/Tonkin Highway intersection – for site access and temporary road diversion.
- Thomas Road, between Kargotich Road and Kardan Boulevard – to support Western Power works and the duplication of Thomas Road.

- Along the future Tonkin Highway alignment (Thomas Road to Abernethy Road) – for materials access.

Some clearing vegetation may occur. This is limited to essential areas and managed under strict environmental conditions.

For the ongoing safety of the community and our workforce, traffic management will be required during these works.

We're committed to responsible delivery, supported by strong environmental management, community engagement, safety and sustainability planning.

Temporary Road Diversion – Thomas Road

In July, we'll begin building a temporary road diversion along Thomas Road (west of Tonkin Highway to Kardan Boulevard). This will involve:

- Earthworks and ground compaction.
- Pavement construction.
- Enabling Western Power relocations.
- Starting works on the future bridge and road upgrades.

Nearby residents may notice occasional vibrations from machinery.

Speed Limit Changes – Mundijong Road

To safely build access to the future site office:

- Speed limits will be reduced to 60 km/h between Pure Steel Lane and Adonis Street from 16 June.
- Stop/slow traffic control will be used where required.
- Site access will remain via the current Mundijong Road entry until further notice.

We'll distribute specific updates and post them on our Facebook page and website closer to the timing of works.

Project Initiatives

As part of our commitment to minimising impacts, we're exploring positive initiatives during early works, including:

- Provision of cleared vegetation (e.g. banksia cones and eucalyptus branches) to support Black Cockatoo rehabilitation, in collaboration

with Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre.

- Grass tree salvage and replanting or donation to local groups.
- Cultural heritage considerations, with Heritage Monitors on-site and opportunities for Traditional Owners to undertake cultural salvage.

We'll share updates on these initiatives in future project communications.

What's next?

These early and site preparation works allow construction to begin in stages while the final design is completed. This phased approach is standard for major infrastructure projects and ensures the final outcome reflects community feedback and technical assessments.

The project will:

- Extend Tonkin Highway by 14 km from Thomas Road to South Western Highway.
- Widen Thomas Road between Kargotich Road and Alexander Road.

Once complete, these upgrades will ease congestion, improve road safety and strengthen connections across Perth's south-east.

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