

Swan River Crossings

Fremantle Traffic Bridge



Bridge scales new heights as tower construction starts

The New Fremantle Traffic Bridge is making significant progress with all four pile cap shells and reinforcement cages now installed. The pile caps were filled with approximately 214 cubic metres of concrete, which is about 38 concrete truck-loads. Filling these shells from the temporary jetties took a lot of manoeuvring in a tightly constrained space, which can be seen in the photo above. Tower construction is progressing well with the towers on the southern side of the river now approaching bridge deck level. The towers will continue to rise higher than the existing bridge and eventually sit 36 metres above the water.

Did you know? Western Australia's first 250 tonne fully electric crawler crane is at our Bracks Street site. Lifting performance is similar to conventional diesel cranes - but this crane operates with zero emissions. It's a battery-powered system that reduces fuel use and noise!



Image 1: Electric crane at Bracks Street.

Network changes for bridge closure

Road network modifications are essential to keep traffic moving during the bridge closure, which is expected to start in early 2026 for up to 12 months. Traffic changes and nightworks have been underway since May to locate services before modification works commence. Locating services avoids damage and disruption to business and residential services (gas, water, electricity), and ensures safety for workers and the community. Works have also started to extend the right turning pocket at the Marmion Street and Stirling Highway intersection.

Community Pop-Up engagement

Since May, we have spoken to over 450 people about the proposed network changes at various community pop up events in Fremantle, Palmyra, North Fremantle and Claremont. Hundreds of others have also collected information while passing by. Thanks to everyone who took time to speak with us. These discussions help us get a better understanding of what's important to the community and informs our messaging. More community pop-up events will start later this year as we approach bridge closure, and we welcome you to come along for a chat.

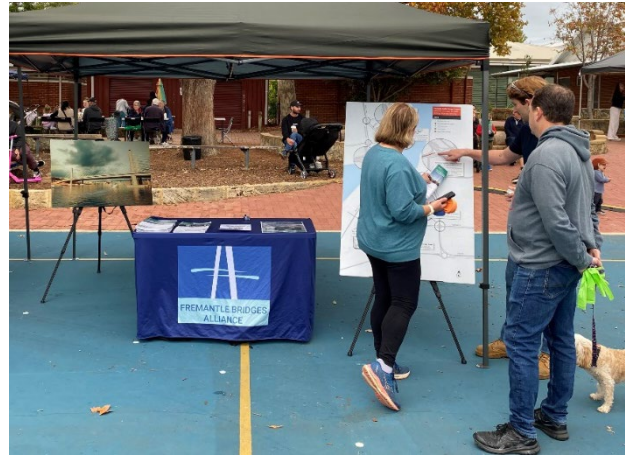


Image 2: Community Pop-Up at Palmyra Farmers Market.

Top community questions

Can you still travel on Canning Highway on the eastbound and westbound approaches to the Stirling Highway intersection during the closure of the Fremantle Traffic Bridge?

Yes. The eastbound and westbound approaches to the Canning Highway and Stirling Highway intersection will remain open. When Canning Highway traffic reaches the intersection, it must turn in a northbound direction over Stirling Bridge, or southbound (to access Fremantle) via Stirling Highway. Only Transperth buses and emergency service vehicles will be permitted to travel east and west through the Stirling Highway intersection.

Will there be additional parking at train stations in Fremantle and North Fremantle during the closure of the Fremantle Traffic Bridge?

State and Local Government agencies are working together to reduce the demand on the road network during closure. This includes assessing current facilities, including parking at Fremantle and North Fremantle Train Stations. More information about these initiatives will be shared in coming months.

Survey

We invited community members to participate in a survey to help us understand how people travel through the area and what transport options might be considered during closure. The survey closed on 6 June 2025. Survey outcomes will be provided in coming updates. Thank you to everyone who completed the survey!

Further Information

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