

Toodyay Road Upgrade

Tender issued for construction – works to begin in late-2025

Major upgrades to Toodyay Road will begin in late-2025. This follows the release of a tender to industry for construction of the works between Dryandra Road and Clackline-Toodyay Road.

Upon completion in late 2027, the project will have upgraded the Wheatbelt section of Toodyay Road, significantly improving safety and efficiency.

Scope

Two sections of the Toodyay Road Upgrade, at Jingaling Brook and from Clackline-Toodyay Road to just west of the Toodyay townsite, have already been completed under smaller, stand-alone contracts.

To improve efficiency, traffic management and staging, the parts of the remaining elements of the project have been amalgamated into a single contract.

The project comprises.

- The upgrade of Toodyay Road to meet current standards for regional roads.
- Various intersection improvements, including turning pockets and enhanced sight lines.
- Four new overtaking lanes.
- The replacement of the 85-year old Jimperding Brook bridge.



The upgrades will adjoin with the recently constructed sections of Toodyay Road

Rationale

Collectively, the upgrades will reduce the likelihood and severity of crashes on a section of road with a very poor safety record. In the decade between 2011 and 2021 there were 81 crashes within the project area. Thirty of these crashes resulted in death or serious injury. The most recent fatality occurred in late 2024. Although crash rates have fallen in recent years, the conditions that contributed to the earlier crashes have not changed. These conditions include narrow lanes, unsealed shoulders, limited sight distances at intersections, lack of safe overtaking opportunities, steep drop offs as well as large trees within metres of the road.

Timing

Main Roads has issued a tender for construction of the works.

A contract for delivery of the project will be finalised in the winter months with significant site works to begin in the spring. Further information will be shared with the community once the contract is awarded and a construction methodology is approved.

The project is expected to take around two years to complete, with multiple crews working in various locations along the alignment.

Construction management

Main Roads and our nominated contractor will work to minimise the impact of these works on local residents and the travelling public. It is our intention to keep the Toodyay Road through-route open in both directions for as long as possible and minimise the use of detours and contraflow.

We will liaise closely with local stakeholders and residents living along the alignment to provide advanced notice of construction activity in the area.

While vegetation clearing along the route is unavoidable due to the constrained environment, Main Roads has been liaising with local stakeholders and advocacy groups to reduce the impact as far as possible. This engagement has resulted in significant design changes, particularly at the intersection of Sandplain and Salt Valley Road where the depth of cut has been reduced by 50 per cent - from 12m in the original design to 6m in the final design. This will enable retention of several mature wandoo trees and cockatoo breeding trees.

More information

To find out more about the Toodyay Road Upgrade project, please visit our project webpage

<https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/projects-initiatives/all-projects/regional/toodyay-road/> or contact us on 138 138 or at enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au