

Subcontractor Information Summary

Changes to Main Roads Road Maintenance and Minor Capital Works Contract Delivery Model

Background

In 2023, Main Roads completed a review of its maintenance and minor capital works (MCWs) delivery model. The review was limited to Network Contracts (typically for road maintenance work and MCWs) and other contracts supporting this function provided by the Asset Management Support Services (AMSS) and other labour supply contracts.

The following changes to the delivery model were subsequently made and are being implemented:

- Routine road maintenance crews operated by Network Contractors will be converted to Main Roads day labour (ie will use Main Roads employees), along with Incident Response Services (IRS).
- Other contract labour associated with the management of the maintenance and MCWs will be transitioned, in stages, to Main Roads employees.
- Delivery of a portion of MCWs directly through additional Main Roads resources, with the remainder delivered by contractors (and Local Government where possible).

Most Network Contracts have now reached their endpoint (see dates below), with the remainder concluding by November 2024.

Term contracts impacted are:

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| • Wheatbelt Rural Network Contract (RNC) | Ended October 2022 |
| • Mid West-Gascoyne Rural Network Contract (RNC) | Ended November 2022 |
| • Goldfields-Esperance Rural Network Contract (RNC) | Ended October 2023 |
| • Pilbara Rural Network Contract (RNC) | Ended October 2023 |
| • Metropolitan Network Contract (MNC) | Ended October 2023 |
| • South West and Great Southern Southern Network Contract (SNC) | January 2024 |
| • GFF Tunnel and Incident Response Services (IRS) Contract | February 2024 |
| • Kimberley Network Contract (KNC) | November 2024 |

What's next?

Routine maintenance around the state and IRS crews (which operate within the Perth Metropolitan Area) will transition to Main Roads when their existing contracts expire. Typically, routine maintenance accounts for a relatively minor proportion of regional expenditures.

Main Roads expects the road maintenance and construction industry will see an increase in the value of work available to compete for via panel contracts or public tender. Network Contracts will not be renewed upon expiry, releasing a significant proportion of planned maintenance and MCWs that were delivered through Network Contracts. In many cases, associated subcontractors will work more directly for Main Roads.

State-wide panel contracts will be implemented for substantial work. These contracts will operate for a period specific to each contract and will be publicly tendered and renewed on a periodic basis. Work will either be issued under these contracts (where rates are provided under the contract) or will be priced during the contract among panel members. Work will be issued progressively as the work is identified, programmed, and issued using Work Orders.

Regional panel and other contracts will also be established for other significant work. These have been/will be awarded at the time the Network Contract expires in that region. They will/have been publicly tendered and will be renewed on a periodic basis. See **Appendix One** for contract details.

Further Information

For general enquiries or information related to the Statewide Panel Contracts please contact Domenic Palumbo, 9323 4316 or domenic.palumbo@mainroads.wa.gov.au.

For information related to how your company might be engaged by Main Roads, where a regional contract, purchase order or other minor procurement method is used, please contact the Delivery Manager at [your local Main Roads' regional office](#).

Appendix 1: Statewide & Regional Contracts

Activity ¹	Statewide ² or Regional ³ Arrangement	Contract or other procurement form
Traffic Management Services	Statewide	Panel contract established
Supply of maintenance trucks and associated baseload construction plant/trailers	Statewide	Bespoke Leasing Panel contract established
Additional plant for construction work to support inhouse work	Regional	A panel contract has/will be established for each region, typically for a Wet Hire arrangement. Purchase orders may be used to supplement this
Temporary labour hire	Regional	A panel contract has/will be established for each region.
Pavement repairs and stabilisation work	Statewide	Panel contract established
Slashing / mowing. Lateral and overhead vegetation clearing.	Regional	Regional contracts have/will be established which may include a panel arrangement
Sign supply	Statewide	Panel supply contract established
Road safety barrier (supply and / or install)	Statewide	Panel contract established
Herbicide treatment	Regional	Regional contract which may include a panel arrangement
Asphalt maintenance work and cold mix supply	Statewide	Panel contract established
Resealing and micro-surfacing	Statewide	State-wide Resealing Panel Contract currently being retendered
Road marking	Statewide	State-wide Road Marking Panel Contract established
Capital road and bridge projects	Statewide or project specific	Statewide Road Construction Panel Contract (established) or otherwise individually tendered project work at the time required
Structural/bridge maintenance and related minor capital projects	Statewide	Statewide Structures Panel Contract established
Supply of guideposts, culverts, road building materials, etc	Regional	Purchase Order or minor supply contracts as required
Maintenance grading of unsealed roads, road edge-breaks, grid repairs, blackwater removal, construction water, etc	Regional	Purchase Order or minor contracts as required

¹ Some activities will have prequalification and other mandatory requirements which are explained in the tender documents.

² All tenders for formal contracts are tendered on the State Government's website, Tenders WA. Contractors will need to register for access to download/upload tender documents. Some formal contracts will be re-tendered periodically for the associated service. Where required, Main Roads will work with the appointed contractors during the tender period.

³ If your company is suitable and can be engaged for any of the work listed in the table, where a regional contract, purchase order or other minor procurement method is used, please contact your local Main Roads' regional office and provide your company information. The regional Delivery Manager may be able to assist with this. Small companies looking for subcontracting opportunities on roadwork projects should make direct contact with the contractors engaged in the relevant Statewide Panel Contracts. Contractors are listed under the Term Contracts dropdown at <https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/technical-commercial/contracting-to-main-roads/>.