

Tonkin Highway Extension and Thomas Road Upgrade



Transforming Perth's south east corridor

The Tonkin Highway Extension and Thomas Road Upgrade Project is progressing into its next stage, with enabling works paving the way for major construction activities across the corridor.

What's happening now?

Current activities across the project area include:

- Ground preparation works are well underway with vegetation clearing where required, fencing installation and the establishment of site offices.
- Geotechnical investigations, surveying and service locating are nearing completion.
- Bulk earthworks for the haulage track will continue, some noise and vibration may be experienced during these works.

- Speed reductions are in place on Tonkin Highway, Thomas Road and Mundijong Road due to the modified road conditions.

From late August and throughout September, ground preparation works, including vegetation clearing will continue on the southern side of Thomas Road, and along Orton Road between Bullock Drive and Kokoda Boulevard. Works will also progress down the future Tonkin Highway alignment, along sections of Mundijong Road between Pure Steel Lane and Adonis Street (pending approvals).

Tonkin Highway and Thomas Road works

In July the team successfully realigned Tonkin Highway between Thomas Road and Rowley Road. Throughout the remainder of August, the team will be removing part of the existing northbound road shoulder and

starting construction for the new temporary southbound lanes.

Temporary pavement construction, including median removal and asphaltting works, will commence in early September at the intersections of Tonkin Highway and Thomas Road, as well as Kardan Boulevard and Thomas Road. This will include night works as required between Monday 1 September to Friday 12 September, 7pm to 5am. Once complete, line-marking will be undertaken on the new pavement ahead of switching traffic onto the temporary lanes in October, subject to approvals.

Hopkinson Road and Thomas Road intersection closures

To facilitate the next stage of works and ensure safe vehicle movements, Hopkinson Road (north and south) of the intersection at Thomas Road are planned to permanently close from mid-September 2025. These closures will result in Jersey Road becoming left in/right out for local traffic.

These essential closures will enable construction to start in the north-east section of the project area and construct an access track to help reduce heavy vehicle traffic on local roads wherever possible.

The closures of Hopkinson Road either side of Thomas Road intersection will also allow for construction of the temporary diversion and ensure a safer and more streamlined road network for all users.

We understand that closures can be frustrating, please be assured that this change was made with careful planning and safety in mind. You can view the alternative access route maps on the Main Roads Tonkin Highway Extension and Thomas Road Upgrade project page.

Tonkin Highway Principal Shared Path Closure

From September 2025 until late 2028, the Tonkin Highway Principal Shared Path (PSP) will be closed between south of Rowley Road and Thomas Road.

As the PSP currently ends at Thomas Road, path users are encouraged to use the existing PSP network at Armadale Road, or if comfortable, find an alternative local route.

This closure is essential for safety and has been planned in consultation with the Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure and WestCycle, with clear signage in place to guide path users.

South Western Highway and Wright Road works

From September 2025, activities such as vegetation clearing, ground preparation works and lane realignments will be carried out on South Western Highway, between Watkins Road and Transit Road, to make way for road widening works. These works support the construction of the future Tonkin Highway and South Western Highway intersection, as well as the upgrade of the South Western Highway intersection with Shanley Road and Jarrahdale Road.

At the same time, ground preparation works will commence on Wright Road, between Watkins Road and Bilya Avenue, to make way for the construction of a new bridge. This bridge will enable the future Tonkin Highway Extension to be built over the existing freight rail line and Wright Road.

Community Information Session

We'll be back out in the community at the SJ Farmers Market on Saturday 30 August, ready to answer questions, share the latest project updates, and hear your feedback.

- Saturday, 30 August 2025, 9 am – 11 am
- SJ Farmers Markets, 2 Paterson Street, Mundijong.

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