

Leach Highway and Welshpool Road Interchange

Construction Update

Bridge milestones

The Leach Highway and Welshpool Road Interchange project is on track, with both new bridges on Leach Highway now open to traffic. Traffic was switched on to the duplicate bridge over the Armadale rail line mid-August, with traffic using two southbound lanes. The switch will allow work to be carried out in stages on the existing bridge which will be upgraded to meet current standards. Traffic is also continuing to flow smoothly across the Leach Highway Bridge over Welshpool Road since it was opened in July. Having traffic on the bridge across Welshpool Road has already resulted in a substantial reduction in congestion at the intersection.



Southbound traffic on the new bridge over the Armadale rail line.

Traffic changes

All traffic signals have been removed at the intersection of Welshpool Road and Leach Highway. The roundabout beneath the bridge is functioning in a temporary alignment while the construction of the permanent alignment continues, along with works to complete the Leach Highway on and off-ramps. Construction of the new on-ramp from Welshpool Road to Leach Highway southbound began mid-July and is expected to be open to traffic by late September. Currently, traffic is being detoured along Welshpool Road, Sevenoaks Street and Ewing Street South to access Leach Highway southbound via Albany Highway.



Local school students from St Norbert College plant sedges with Leach Welshpool Alliance Environmental and Sustainability Advisor Melissa Arias.

Planting commitment on track

The Leach Welshpool Alliance is meeting its commitment to plant five times as many trees as were removed within the project footprint. With limited space within the road reserve, we reached out to the City of Canning to identify potential local areas where increased vegetation would be of value. Rather than planting street trees, the City identified a need to plant sedges and rushes at the Centre Street Basin, to improve water quality and extend the wildlife habitat and amenity of the park. The Project donated 200 plants to the City for this project, and these were planted by students from the St Norbert College's volunteer environmental action group, the Climate Canons.

Doing our bit to reduce waste

Reducing waste has been considered in all aspects of design and construction of the project. This goal is aligned with the State Government's WA Waste Strategy vision aimed at managing all works sustainably. At this stage of

the project, almost 90 per cent of all waste has been diverted from landfill. More than 37,000 tonnes of crushed recycled concrete and 19,000 tonnes of recycled sand has been used on the project.

Further information

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