

Albany Ring Road

Menang Drive and Chester Pass Road Flyover

Construction of Chester Pass Road Flyover to begin in late 2025 with tenders released to industry



Artist's impression of the new flyover passing over Chester Pass Road – looking south

Construction of a new flyover at the intersection of Menang Drive and Chester Pass Road is on track to begin in late 2025.

A tender has been released to industry for construction of the project, which will provide heavy vehicles with a non-stop connection from Chester Pass Road to Albany Port.

About the project

The requirement for the Menang Drive and Chester Pass Road Flyover was identified during the planning and development of the Albany Ring Road project.

The project will allow southbound vehicles to exit Chester Pass Road via a new elevated ramp, which will pass back over the top of Chester Pass Road in the form of a bridge and connect into Menang Drive westbound. In doing so, the project removes the current requirement for port-bound trucks to queue in the turning lane before making a right turn across oncoming northbound traffic.

The existing intersection of Menang Drive and Chester Pass Road will remain unaffected and can continue to be used by both light and heavy vehicles travelling in a northbound direction and by vehicles servicing the adjacent industrial area.



Chester Pass Road Flyover alignment

Benefits

- Maximise the efficiency of the Albany Ring Road route by providing free flowing access from Chester Pass Road all the way to the port.
- Improve safety for all road users by removing a conflict point used by a high proportion of heavy vehicles.
- Provide additional local jobs and further investment in the Great Southern Region.

Status and timing

The project's design has been finalised and site preparatory works are well-progressed. We expect to award a contract in the coming months with initial construction activity to begin towards the end of the year. Substantive construction works will ramp up in early 2026.

The project is anticipated to take around 18 months to complete.

Menang Drive (Albany Ring Road) update Revegetation

Revegetation activity on Menang Drive between Lancaster Road and Frenchman Bay Road recommenced in July and will continue into Spring. This is the second year of a multi-year program which will ensure the establishment of vegetation in suitable locations along the alignment. Current activity includes weed control and the planting of a variety of native flora mixes and ground covers. The majority of the revegetation is located at the interchange sites at South Coast Highway and Hanrahan Road / Frenchman Bay Road.

Meanwhile, the revegetation site at the Menang Drive and Albany Highway interchange, first planted in 2022 continues to generate good results, with strong levels of coverage exceeding targets set by the project.

Fauna crossings

The first of five dedicated fauna rope bridges is currently being installed over Hanrahan Road. The requirement for safe crossing points for fauna was identified during the development of the Albany Ring Road Project, through consultation with local

environmental catchment groups. Monitoring of similar rope bridge installations in Busselton and Bunbury has demonstrated the crossings are used repeatedly by endangered fauna, including the Western Ringtail Possum, Common Brushtail Possum and Brush Tailed Phascogale. The remaining fauna crossings, to be located between Link Road and Carlisle Street, will be installed over the summer months.

Further information

To find out more about the Menang Drive and Chester Pass Road flyover or the Menang Drive (Albany Ring Road) project, please contact us on 138 138.



Fauna rope bridge