


EastLink WA Planning and Development



EastLink WA brings together more than 40 years of road planning activities to provide a safer, more efficient route between Perth and Northam for freight and road users. Planning and development has been undertaken over the past three years to produce preliminary design concepts that include upgrades along Reid and Roe Highways and a new route between Perth and Northam, which will form the first section of the future Perth Adelaide National Highway. EastLink WA's planning and development phase has been jointly funded by the Australian (\$10 million) and Western Australian (\$10 million) Governments.

Latest project news

Completion of the Ultimate Design Concept

The EastLink WA project team have completed the planning and development phase for EastLink WA.

Over the past three years, the team have updated and expanded upon the previous planning for the highway. This work has included reviewing a range of historical planning information, conducting environmental and engineering-based studies, assessing local access and connectivity requirements, and engaging with stakeholders and community.

This planning work has resulted in the completion of the highway's Ultimate Design Concept from Perth to Northam. The Ultimate Design Concept considers traffic volumes and functionality requirements up to the year 2051. It also takes into consideration environmental factors and the aspirations of road users and communities.

While the three interchanges along Reid Highway at Altone Road, Drumpellier Drive/Daviot Road and Henley Brook Avenue (currently West Swan Road) are funded for construction, there is currently no funding for the construction of EastLink WA between Reid Highway at the Swan River bridge and Northam. However, completion of the Ultimate Design Concept is a necessary step to help inform future government investment decisions.

EastLink WA's Ultimate Design Concept is now available to view on the project webpage [here](#).

Consultation with community and stakeholders

The Ultimate Design Concept balances a range of factors including environmental considerations, safety and design requirements and impacts to private properties.

Throughout the planning process, the EastLink WA project team consulted with landowners, community, and local and state government stakeholders to understand the local context in which the highway will exist.

Information gathered through this engagement has been considered throughout the design development process. These insights have also helped to ensure that the Ultimate Design Concept aligns with government requirements and future planned development.

With the Ultimate Design Concept completed, a final program of engagement has been carried out to meet and discuss EastLink WA's planning outcomes with landowners whose properties may be directly impacted by the project in the future.

Project next steps

Following the completion of the Ultimate Design Concept, Main Roads intends to initiate the land protection process for land required outside of the Primary Regional Road Reserve boundary within the existing Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS) area. This will be done by implementing a Planning Control Area (PCA). In the Wheatbelt Region, the Shire of Northam will include the updated Eastlink WA alignment in their updated Local Planning Strategy (LPS).

A Business Case will be established and submitted to Infrastructure Western Australia and Infrastructure Australia to guide future investment decisions by Federal and State Governments.

Should funding be committed in the future, a Project Development phase will commence. In this phase, further investigations, studies, and analysis in relation to noise, environmental, heritage and geotechnical requirements will be conducted, to inform detailed design.

An overview of completed and future key planning milestones and phases can be found on the EastLink WA Project Lifecycle diagrams for the metropolitan region [here](#) and the wheatbelt region [here](#).

More information

If you have questions regarding EastLink WA, you can get in touch with us on 138 138 or email us at enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au.

Current information regarding the project can be found on the Main Roads website at:
<https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/projects-initiatives/all-projects/metropolitan/eastlinkwa/>

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