

Tonkin Highway Extension and Thomas Road Upgrade



Thomas Road and Tonkin Highway interchange upgrades

Major Works Underway

The Tonkin Highway Extension and Thomas Road Upgrade Project is **moving ahead, with clearing and earthworks paving the way for road realignment, drainage installation and the site haulage track.**

What's happening now?

Current activities across the project area include:

- Intermittent night works are taking place from late September to early November (7pm–7am, Monday to Sunday) on Thomas Road and Tonkin Highway to prepare for upcoming traffic switches.
- Temporary site offices are being established near Hopkinson/Orton Road and Thomas/Kargotich Road.

- Long-term speed reductions are in place on Tonkin Highway, Thomas Road, Mundijong Road and South Western Highway.
- Vegetation clearing and ground preparation will continue along Thomas Road (both directions), Wright Road, Mundijong Road, existing Tonkin Highway, South Western Highway, and along the future Tonkin Highway alignment.

Tonkin Highway and Thomas Road works

In September, the team focused on building the temporary Thomas Road diversion between Tonkin Highway and Kardan Boulevard and the temporary southbound lanes on Tonkin Highway, in preparation for two upcoming traffic switches.

The first traffic switch in October will move Tonkin Highway southbound traffic onto a temporary alignment, which will be followed by the second traffic switch in early November to the new Thomas Road alignment. Both changes will require night works.

As part of this work, Hopkinson Road south has been closed to allow the temporary realignment of Thomas Road and keep traffic flowing during construction. To further minimise impacts while other works continue near the Rowley Road and Hopkinson Road intersection, Hopkinson Road north of Thomas Road will close permanently in mid-October 2025.

Geotechnical investigations will also continue along Thomas Road throughout October to inform Western Power works.

Further thoroughfare changes on Hopkinson Road

As part of the project, the new Tonkin Highway alignment will cross over Hopkinson Road and Gossage Road. To make this possible, Hopkinson Road will be permanently closed to vehicle traffic between south of Cavanagh Close to north of Gossage Road. Gossage Road will become a cul-de-sac at the Hopkinson Road intersection in early-November. A public notice will be issued by the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale for these permanent access changes soon, alternative access routes will be provided as part of the public notification.

Bulk haulage to start on the project

Bulk haulage of fill material will begin in mid to late October. Heavy vehicles will primarily use the site-based haulage track along the new Tonkin Highway alignment, with access via Thomas Road, Bishop Road, Mundijong Road, and South Western Highway. Traffic management will be in place where the haulage track meets local roads, and occasional use of Hopkinson Road and Kargotich Road will be kept to a minimum. All trucks will be fully covered to reduce dust and maintain safety. Haulage will mostly occur between 6am and 6pm, however some night or extended hours may be required.

South Western Highway widening and upgrades

Works are now underway along South Western Highway, including widening of the highway between

Watkins Road and Transit Road, construction of the future Tonkin Highway and South Western Highway intersection and upgrades to Shanley Road and Jarrahdale Road intersections.

Speed restrictions and intermittent closures will be in place on South Western Highway to support access track construction and fill material delivery. Preparations are also progressing for the next traffic change, which will include barrier installation and additional lane closures. To minimise impacts, barrier installation will take place at night.

Mundijong Road works

On Mundijong Road, speed limits will stay in place for safety, with increased truck movements expected as works continue. Clearing work is underway and drainage installation is set to begin this month.

Community Information Session

We'll be back out in the community at our next Community Information Session in October:

- Monday, 20 October 2025, 3pm to 7pm
Byford Secondary College Performing Arts Centre,
57 Abernethy Road, Byford.

Come along to see the latest concept design and talk with our design, construction, landscaping, environment, sustainability, traffic and engagement teams.

Check out the new project map

To view the new project map, please visit the Main Roads Tonkin Highway Extension and Thomas Road Upgrade project page.

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