

Stephenson Avenue Extension Project (Phase 2)



S2ME Alliance team members celebrating R U Ok Day on Thursday, 12 September.

This update contains information regarding the current and future works happening on the Stephenson Avenue Extension project. Information in this update is current as of October 2024 and is subject to change. For the most recent updates visit the Main Roads Stephenson Avenue Extension website.

Project update

We have recently opened the new Mitchell Freeway southbound on-ramp from Cedric Street, along the future Stephenson Avenue. This brings us one step closer to improving connectivity for road users travelling in Perth's northern suburbs.

Coinciding with this opening, the temporary Mitchell Freeway southbound on-ramp from Cedric Street has permanently closed.

There is signage in place to support these changes and motorists are encouraged to follow this signage, allow extra travel time and exercise caution when merging onto Mitchell Freeway southbound from the new on-ramp.

Road users travelling eastbound on Cedric Street will need to turn right into the new on-ramp to Mitchell Freeway southbound.

Road users travelling on Cedric westbound will need to turn left into the new on-ramp to Mitchell Freeway southbound.

Access into and out of the Stirling Station northern car park and the southern car park on Cedric Street will continue to be maintained.

The new on-ramp forms part of the Smart Freeway along Mitchell Freeway southbound, which will be modified with co-ordinated signals.

As part of the ongoing testing of the new Smart Freeway systems, some overnight closures of the new ramp will be required.

Celebrating R U Ok? Day

On Thursday, 12 September, the S2ME Alliance team members, like many others across the nation, were encouraged to start meaningful conversations about mental health that can make a difference and ask R U Ok?

Works on site paused for a few hours as everyone gathered at Civic Gardens, Stirling to celebrate R U Ok? day with a BBQ lunch, including homemade paella and giveaways. Special guest speaker, comedian Grant Mushet shared his personal struggle with depression and reminded us of the importance of checking in on ourselves.

Most importantly, this National Day of Action provided team members with an opportunity to check in with each other and ask, 'Are You OK Any Day?'



Grant Mushet (second from left) celebrating R U Ok? Day with S2ME Alliance team members.

Noise walls

This project is delivered in accordance with State Planning Policy 5.4 (SPP5.4) Road and Rail Noise. Under this policy, Main Roads is required to ensure noise limits at the boundaries of its projects are contained within the established acceptable levels.

The height and location of noise walls are determined by modelling undertaken by acoustic experts, in accordance with SPP5.4.

Noise walls will be installed at the rear of Talia Drive, Telford Crescent, and along the Mitchell Freeway northbound on-ramp from Cedric Street, to assist in reducing noise levels for residential properties adjacent to main roads with high traffic volumes.

The noise wall along the Mitchell Freeway northbound on-ramp from Cedric Street is anticipated to be installed in late-2024. It will be 400 metres long and varying in height between 2 metres and 5 metres.

To accommodate installation of the noise wall, vegetation clearing is required.

This area has been subject to an extensive environmental assessment and approvals assessment to ensure that wherever possible, best practice environmental management strategies are implemented.

We have worked closely with the City of Stirling to retain the majority of mature trees on the northern side of

Cedric Street and will continue to work closely with the City on replacement tree species.

Providing sustainable employment opportunities

We were proud to celebrate trainee Rose Gallagher's completion of a Certificate III in Business Administration. Rose joined the project in July 2023, working diligently in her role within the Commercial Team while remaining dedicated to her studies. With her qualifications now complete, Rose returned home to Country to Wyndham to be with her family in August.

Reflecting on her time working on the Stephenson Avenue Extension Project Rose said, "I've had years of experience in the business administration field but just never had the time to focus on studying, until I moved to Perth and joined the Stephenson Avenue Project where I received the support I needed to complete my Certificate. I'd like to thank Beth and the team at S2ME for giving me that support and the opportunity. Having this qualification opens a door of endless possibilities."



Rose (left) with her line manager Beth.

Road and rail disruptions – early-January 2025 for new pedestrian access bridge

To progress works on the pedestrian access bridge connecting Stirling Station with the new Stirling Station Bus Interchange Bridge, two 13.8-metre-long steel trusses, weighing 135 tonnes each, need to be transported to site and then lifted into position by hydraulic cranes.

These works can only be completed safely when trains are not operating. This will be facilitated during a scheduled shutdown of the Yanchep Line. At the same time, Mitchell Freeway southbound between Karrinyup Road and Hutton Street and surrounding local roads will be closed to facilitate crane lifts.

To minimise the impact to road users and rail passengers, installation of the bridge trusses has been scheduled

during the January 2025 school holidays when traffic volumes are lower.

Planning is still underway and further information, including road detours and timing, will be provided in future updates.

Once complete, the new Stirling Bus Bridge Interchange will provide enhanced public transport options for passengers.

Spanning the gap!

The first bridge spans for both the Stirling Station Bus Interchange Bridge and Stephenson Avenue Interchange Bridge will soon completely span over the Mitchell Freeway.



Stephenson Avenue Interchange Bridge spanning across Mitchell Freeway.

Asbestos management update

Our last update outlined a staged recommencement of works at the casting yards for the Stephenson Avenue bridge and the Stirling Station bus bridge and in the Freeway median.

This has gradually expanded to include the entire site.

Planning for the removal of the stockpiles has commenced, which will ensure the stockpiles are removed in a manner that minimises the impact on adjacent residents.

The pause on the project to implement asbestos management measures has required the project to revise its delivery program as the health and wellbeing of the community and workers remains a priority.

As a result, we anticipate completion of key construction works in mid-2025.

Precautionary asbestos mitigation measures will continue to be implemented across the project. This includes dust and airborne asbestos monitoring and the application of dust suppression polymer.

Stirling Station car park access disruptions

In October, there will be disruptions to the number of available parking bays in the southern car park at the Stirling Station.

A section of the southern car park and the motorbike shelter will be closed to safely facilitate construction works. Alternative parking will be provided for Transperth passengers at 3 Tassels Place, Innaloo, west of the station.

ACROD parking bays, short-term parking, and Drop Pick Up bays have been relocated to the eastern section of the southern car park during works.

There will be no disruption to the northern car park or bike shelter.

Smart Freeway progress

The Smart Freeway Mitchell Southbound (SFMS) is progressing well with most of the civil works now completed.

Testing of the thousands of pieces of technology has already commenced and will continue over the coming months resulting in occasional night-time closures on the freeway.

Works on the Principal Shared Paths (PSPs) in the northern section of the freeway will provide valued infrastructure that will further connect communities and expand the cycling network.

For more information, visit [Smart Freeways \(mainroads.wa.gov.au\)](https://mainroads.wa.gov.au).

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