



Swan River Crossings Fremantle Traffic Bridge

Transport options during bridge closure

The new Fremantle Traffic Bridge will create a striking gateway to Walyalup (Fremantle).

Most of the new bridge can be constructed with the existing bridge open. However, the bridge will need to fully close to complete the project, which will limit access and impact commute times, particularly along Stirling Highway and Canning Highway, and across Stirling Bridge.

Main Roads is modifying various intersections along Stirling Highway and in Fremantle to prioritise key movements, and installing over 18 cameras and Bluetooth devices to monitor traffic conditions in real time.

To improve the effectiveness of these measures, it is critical to reduce vehicle numbers on the road network, particularly during peak hour.

It will take a combined effort from all road users, including commuters, local residents and freight operators, as well as people walking, riding bikes and scooters, to navigate this disruption. Everyone is asked to think about how they can reconsider their travel options to move safely and efficiently during this time.

Working together to improve travel options

Main Roads has worked with the Public Transport Authority and Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure to develop measures to make it easier for people to consider alternative modes of travel during bridge closure. These measures have also been informed by consultation with local primary and secondary schools, the wider community and other key stakeholders.

More trains, buses and parking



Trains

- Four more train services – two in the morning and two in the afternoon peak.



Buses

- Three new dedicated school bus special services for Iona Presentation College, St Hilda's Anglican School and Presbyterian Ladies' College to reduce significant car usage to and from these schools over Stirling Bridge in the morning and afternoon peak.
- Additional buses will be brought in to support key bus routes (e.g. Routes 107, 998, 999).



Incident Response

- Incident response teams will be permanently stationed alongside Stirling Highway in the area to provide immediate response to any issues that occur on the road network.



Station Parking

- An additional 100 parking bays will be provided at Fremantle Station, with parking free for SmartRider users that board trains.



Security

- Additional transit officers will be placed at Fremantle Station during school terms following feedback from schools and parents indicating an increased presence would provide more incentive for students to use public transport.



Cheaper Public Transport

- Free-travel zone for existing bus services between Douro Road and Fremantle Train Station.
- The Student Free Travel scheme will continue.
- The Sunday Free Travel scheme will continue.
- Currently, 85 per cent of public transport patrons from Fremantle travel at least two zones and will benefit from the one zone fare cap starting on 1 January 2026.
 - \$3.50 one-zone flat fare (down from \$5.20).
 - \$2.80 fare for SmartRider users with autoload.

Removal of the current \$2 parking fee and introduction of the new one-zone flat fare will provide a weekly saving of up to \$27 for commuters travelling to Perth via train five days a week.

Other Initiatives

Journey Planning: Schools and Local Governments

Engagement with schools has resulted in additional funding to deliver tailored journey planning to reduce car usage and encourage:

- Public transport use due to additional buses and trains.
- Active transport alternatives.
- Car pooling.

Discussions are continuing with local governments to improve end of trip facilities.

Freight

- The State Government is continuing to work with the freight industry to discuss options to encourage increased rail usage and off-peak freight operations during the closure.

How you can help

We encourage communities in Fremantle and surrounding suburbs both north and south of the river to consider how they might change their journeys by:

- Using public transport.
- Travelling outside peak.
- Looking at other travel alternatives.
- Examining travel patterns – how many car journeys do people make each day?
- Talking to employers about flexible working hours.

Every car journey saved will help keep Fremantle moving and reduce delays on Stirling Highway.