

Swan River Crossings Project Fremantle Traffic Bridge



Construction of new Fremantle Traffic Bridge in full swing

The new Fremantle Traffic Bridge is a once in 100-year opportunity to improve access to and from Fremantle for all road users (cars, bikes, pedestrians) and provide a tourist attraction for Fremantle.

Construction of the new Fremantle Traffic Bridge is making strong progress. Four cranes are now a major feature of the Fremantle skyline and will remain in place through to project completion.

In recent months, four temporary jetties have been constructed on the northern and southern sides of the bridge. These jetties, which are likely

to be completed by the end of the year, will support the cranes for the duration of the construction period. Meanwhile, relocation of extensive electricity, gas and water services under the river are approaching completion.

Piling for the bridge pile caps is expected to start in coming months, marking the first structural aspects of the new bridge to be constructed.

A reminder to the community that piling generates significant noise that may impact human hearing. To minimise the risk to cyclists,

pedestrians, swimmers and passive craft users, the following changes are in place:

- The shared path on the Fremantle Traffic Bridge is closed from 7:30am-5:30pm Monday to Saturday. The path re-opens outside these hours (morning and evening, as well as Sundays). Keep checking the [Main Roads Travel Map](#) for the latest updates.
- Restricted areas are in place in the river from the Fremantle Traffic Bridge to the east of Stirling Bridge from 7am-7pm Monday to Saturday and re-opens outside of these hours (morning and evening, as well as Sundays).

Water Relocation Milestone

The Project hit a major milestone with the first of two 630mm water pipes installed underneath the Swan River! The process involves welding segments together into a 400-metre pipe that is pressure tested before pulling it under the river from north to south.

We are preparing to string out the second pipe from the car park on Podger Lane (near the Swan Hotel), along the shared path adjacent to the rail line and along Tydeman Road. Once the second pipe is relocated under the river, traffic management on Tydeman Road will be removed.

Upcoming Works

Over the next 12 months, works will continue on the bridge's key structural elements, including pylons and edge beams. During this time, an innovative construction methodology will allow the existing bridge to remain operational, minimising disruption to the travelling public.

Preparing for Bridge Closure

As the new bridge is being constructed on the same alignment as the existing bridge, the full

closure of the bridge is unavoidable, and we understand this will cause disruption.

In late 2025, the existing bridge will close for approximately one year to complete the Project. This closure will cause congestion and journey time delays for residents and visitors to Fremantle and surrounding suburbs. Main Roads and the Fremantle Bridges Alliance (FBA) are undertaking extensive planning for the closure, in consultation with State and Local Government agencies, to manage and reduce impacts on the travelling public.

Measures being considered include modifications to the road network, such as changes to intersections and accesses to prioritise key movements.

As part of the closure planning, we are engaging with local businesses, schools, freight operators and community organisations to examine the travel requirements of their patrons and determine whether changes can be made to reduce peak time demand on the road network.

This consultation activity will inform an extensive public information campaign, which will take place next year.

We encourage the Fremantle community to get involved in this process, and re-examine the way they travel around Fremantle, particularly during busy periods.

Please reach out to the Project team at hello@fremantlebridges.com.au to provide your feedback.

Further information

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