



STEPHENSON AVENUE EXTENSION (PHASE 2)

STAGE ONE OPENING

Frequently Asked Questions

What is changing with the opening of Stephenson Avenue Extension?

The Stephenson Avenue Extension (Phase 2) is opening, creating a new east-west connection between Cedric Street and Scarborough Beach Road. A new northbound off-ramp and southbound off-ramp from Mitchell Freeway will open, and the existing Cedric Street northbound off-ramp will permanently close. Traffic will now use Stephenson Avenue to travel between Innaloo, Stirling and surrounding areas.

Additionally, the Stirling Station southern car park will be opening in stages, with a section to open for Transperth passengers.

How do I access Innaloo and surrounding suburbs?

- **From Mitchell Freeway northbound:** Exit the Stephenson Avenue northbound off-ramp, **turn left** onto Stephenson Avenue and right onto Oswald Street to head to Ellen Stirling Boulevard.
- **From Mitchell Freeway southbound:** Exit the Stephenson Avenue southbound off-ramp, **turn right** onto Stephenson Avenue and right onto Oswald Street to head to Ellen Stirling Boulevard.

How do I access Mitchell Freeway northbound?

The Cedric Street northbound on-ramp will remain open for the short term; however, there will be a temporary closure of the existing northbound on-ramp in early 2026 to continue the next phase of works.

Alternative access to freeway northbound will be in place until March 2026, when the new Stephenson Avenue northbound on-ramp becomes operational. More information will be provided closer to the time.

How do I access Mitchell Freeway southbound?

You can enter Mitchell Freeway southbound via the Stephenson Avenue southbound on-ramp.

Is Cedric Street westbound between Stephenson Avenue and Ellen Stirling Boulevard closed?

Yes. Cedric Street westbound between Stephenson Avenue and Ellen Stirling Boulevard is temporarily closed from 13 December 2025 to allow major construction works to be completed safely. Buses will continue to have access to Stirling Station. The Stirling Station car park remains open.

Why is Cedric Street westbound between Stephenson Avenue and Ellen Stirling Boulevard closed?

The project needs to close Cedric Street westbound to complete drainage installation, road embankment, pavement works, retaining wall construction, new signalised intersection for bus connection to the new Stirling Station bus bridge and tie-in works. The closure is required to complete these works safely while causing the least amount of disruption to public transport operations.

How do I detour westbound on Cedric Street?

All westbound traffic will be redirected via Stephenson Avenue and Ellen Stirling Boulevard. Buses will continue to have access, with a detour for general traffic via Stephenson Avenue, Oswald Street and Ellen Stirling Boulevard.

Will travel times increase during the Cedric Street westbound closure between Stephenson Avenue and Ellen Stirling Boulevard?

During this adjustment period, travel times may increase, especially in the morning and afternoon peak times. Road users are encouraged to allow extra time for your journey to allow traffic patterns to stabilise.

What changes are happening in December, and will there be works after?

The Stephenson Avenue Extension will open in December, including the new east-west connection and new northbound and southbound off-ramps. This will provide road users access to the new route earlier, even while finishing works are continued.

Large road upgrades open in stages so the community can benefit from key connections earlier. Once the new alignment opens to traffic, workers are then able to safely access different areas of the project to complete finishing works such as drainage, pavement works, signalised intersection tie-ins, shared paths and retaining walls. These final works will continue into the first half of 2026, with several planned traffic changes needed to complete the project safely, including:

- Cedric Street westbound closure between Stephenson Avenue and Ellen Stirling Boulevard from 13 December 2025. Buses will continue to have access, with a detour for general traffic via Stephenson Avenue, Oswald Street and Ellen Stirling Boulevard.
- Temporary closure of Cedric Street northbound on-ramp in early 2026. Alternative access to freeway northbound will be in place until March 2026, when the new Stephenson Avenue northbound on-ramp is planned to be operational.
- The full opening of Catspaw Road to Cedric Street.
- New shared path connections and Principal Shared Path infrastructure opening in stages in 2026, coinciding with the phased openings of the network.
- Works on the Stirling Bus Interchange will also continue in 2026.

Please visit the Main Roads website for more information, including detour maps.

How will these changes affect my travel?

Traffic will gradually transition from the Cedric Street ramps to the new Stephenson Avenue ramps. Access to IKEA, Stirling Station and Ellen Stirling Boulevard will also adjust as Catspaw Road fully opens. More updates will be provided ahead of each stage.

Will there be any access changes to IKEA and nearby businesses?

Yes. Traffic travelling to IKEA from both the northbound and southbound off-ramps will use Stephenson Avenue, with access via Sarich Court and Catspaw Road. These routes will evolve as more roads open. View access maps below.

How do I get to IKEA from the new off-ramps?

- **From the northbound off-ramp:** Turn **left** onto Stephenson Avenue, left onto Sarich Court, then left onto Catspaw Road into the IKEA car park.
- **From the southbound off-ramp:** Turn **right** onto Stephenson Avenue, left onto Sarich Court, then left onto Catspaw Road into the IKEA car park.

How do I leave IKEA to access Mitchell Freeway?

- **To Mitchell Freeway southbound:** Head south on Ellen Stirling Boulevard, Flax Way/Oswald Street, onto Stephenson Avenue towards the Stephenson Avenue southbound on-ramp.
- **To Mitchell Freeway northbound:** Head north on Ellen Stirling Boulevard, right turn onto Cedric Street towards the Cedric Street northbound on-ramp.

Are there any access changes to the Stirling Station Northern Car Park?

No, access to the northern car park continues to be via Cedric Street only. Existing exits to Cedric Street remain.

Are there any access changes to the Stirling Station Southern Car Park?

A section of the southern car park at Stirling Station will reopen following upgrades to improve access and movements through the car park to Transperth passengers.

ACROD parking, Drop off / Pick up bays, and short-term parking will continue to remain accessible in the eastern section of the southern station car park. Car park access will be via the new Stephenson Avenue with a left and right turn in, but left turn out arrangement only, and including ACROD parking, Drop off / Pick up bays, and short-term parking access. Please visit the Main Roads [website](#) to view how you can access the re-opened section of the car park.

Will the Cedric Steet westbound closure affect access to Stirling Station?

While vehicle access to the northern car park remains from Cedric Street, pedestrian access to the station will be via a different signalised intersection on Cedric Street, west of the northern car park. Please allow for extra travel time to the Station when parking in this car park and pay close attention to the traffic management and signage in the area.

What does this mean for the temporary parking locations?

Alternative temporary parking will continue to be provided for Transperth passengers at 3 Tassels Place, Innaloo, west of the Station until late January 2026. The temporary alternative car park at 7 Sunray Drive will permanently close from 13 December 2025, coinciding with the staged reopening of the Stirling Station southern car park and the broader Stephenson Avenue changes.

What local road changes should I be aware of?

- Catspaw Road will partially open initially to retain access to IKEA, with full connectivity to Cedric Street available in 2026.
- Sarich Court connects to Stephenson Avenue for access to IKEA.
- Some turning movements along Stephenson Avenue between Flax Way and Scarborough Beach Road have been modified, including shared through/left-turn lanes.

What shared paths are opening?

The southern shared path along Stephenson Avenue opens in December 2025, connecting Scarborough Beach Road to Cedric Street.

Will the shared paths open all at once?

No. Shared paths and Principal Shared Path (PSP) links will open in stages. The PSP link between Civic Place and Telford Crescent will be completed in 2026.

Further information

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Map 1 – Access to IKEA and nearby businesses



Map 2 – Access to Mitchell Freeway from IKEA and nearby businesses

