CONSTRUCTION UPDATE **DECEMBER 2022**





Australian Government

Toodyay Road Upgrade Dryandra Road to Toodyay

Early construction activity progressing well

Construction of the section of the Toodyay Road Upgrade, between Clackline-Toodyay Road and Northam-Toodyay Road, commenced in late November and is making good progress.

A site office compound has been established adjacent to the eastbound carriageway of Toodyay Road with initial activities including vegetation removal and preparation of the rock outcrop area for blasting. As we move into 2023, our focus will be on removal of a rock outcrop, as well as construction works on the eastbound carriageway.

Traffic management update

The project aims to limit its impact on road users by maintaining two-way traffic flow whenever possible, particularly during peak times. The exception is when construction activity is occurring in close proximity to Toodyay Road and the risk of interaction between construction workers/plant and live traffic becomes too high. In these instances, intermittent single lane closures are required.

During these periods, traffic is being regulated by temporary traffic signals at each end of the project site. The queue lengths and wait times are monitored on an ongoing basis and current delays are under three minutes.

Removal of rocky outcrop – from 9 January 2023

From 9 January 2023, a series of controlled blasts will take place to fracture a small rocky outcrop located just north of the existing road. A temporary exclusion zone will be created prior to the blasting activities take place.



Vegetation and rock removal works adjacent to the eastbound carriageway of Toodyay Road

Blasts are scheduled to occur on weekdays from Monday to Thursday between a window of 12noon and 3pm.

There will only be one blast per day and the number of blast days required will be determined once the density of the rock is confirmed following the initial blasts.

To enable each blast to take place safely, traffic on Toodyay Road will be stopped in both directions for up to 15 minutes, once a day.

Traffic management will be in place to prevent road users from entering the exclusion zone during blasting activity.





If it is possible, we recommend road users find alternate routes to avoid delays.

Christmas and New Year break

The site will shut down for the Christmas and New Year break on Wednesday, 21 December until Wednesday, 4 January. During this period, traffic management will be removed from Toodyay Road.

Further information

To find out more about the Toodyay Road Upgrade, or to provide feedback, please contact us on 138 138 or via email at <u>enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au</u>

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