The Mitchell Freeway extension from Burns Beach Road, Joondalup to Hester Avenue, Clarkson is now complete and open to the travelling public.

On 3 August 2017, the Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP and the Premier of WA, the Hon Mark McGowan MLA, opened the extension, which was jointly funded by the Australian ($173.1m) and State ($43.3m) governments. This vital extension will accommodate continued commercial and residential growth in Perth’s northern suburbs, provide a safe and efficient means of transport for road users and relieve congestion on surrounding local roads.

Construction began in April 2015 and saw more than $100 million invested into third party suppliers and subcontractors who were integral to the delivery of the project.

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Further benefits of the freeway extension will continue to flow given its direct links to major traffic routes such as Kwinana Freeway and indirect links to major interstate roads such as the Great Eastern Highway, increasing efficiency across the city.

The project also marked itself as a first for a number of milestone sustainability trials in Western Australia. Crushed glass fines that are unsuitable for remanufacturing have been incorporated into sections of the road sub-base on Wanneroo Road to reduce land-fill.

LED street lights have also been installed on the new section of freeway to improve energy efficiency.

Minor finishing works to the surrounding local network, including the intersection at Hester Avenue/Wanneroo Road, are nearing completion.

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**FINAL LANDSCAPING**

Landscaping works have recommenced for the winter now that planting conditions are favourable.

The project’s landscaping design includes approximately 300,000 native plants and 260kg of native seed.

Grass-trees that were salvaged during clearing have been replanted at feature intersections.

The long winter conditions of 2016 and unseasonal rainfall in early 2017 have helped last year’s plants to flourish.

**SITE MAINTENANCE**

With the freeway now open, ongoing maintenance works will be required throughout the project area across the coming months.

These works will be focussed on ensuring the high standard of infrastructure is maintained and may include activities such as road pavement testing, signage works, painting and patching.

As some works will fall in close proximity to live traffic, some traffic management may be required. If traffic management is required, we will ensure it is implemented during periods of low traffic volumes to minimise impact on the travelling public. To keep up to date with traffic changes, visit the Main Roads WA website.
NAVIGATE THE CHANGES

New roundabout-controlled interchanges (also known as a dog-bone interchange) designed to improve road user safety are in operation for the first time on Perth’s Mitchell Freeway.

Located at Neerabup Road and Hester Avenue, the interchanges forego traffic signals, with the exception of traffic exiting Mitchell Freeway northbound to Hester Avenue. The signalisation of this movement may be temporarily required to balance traffic flow until future freeway extensions are carried out.

Road users are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the interchange layouts and take care when adjusting to the new road conditions. For more information on the new layouts, please refer to the layout diagrams below.
SHARED PATH NETWORK OPEN FOR USE

Six kilometres of new Principal Shared Path is now open for use by cyclists and pedestrians.

The four metre wide path located along the west side of the freeway can be accessed via the following local connection points:

- Fisherton Circuit (existing connection), Kinross
- Gardiner Heights, Kinross
- Clydebank Crescent, Kinross
- Clarkson Station car park near Orenco Bend
- Clarkson Station car park near Capitol Turn
- Grandoak Drive, Clarkson
- Liberty Drive, Clarkson
- Redbank Rise, Clarkson
- Linlee Lane, Clarkson

The installation of a new 132m long pedestrian footbridge over Burns Beach Road as well as underpasses at Currambine Station, Clarkson Station, Neerabup Road and Hester Avenue provides path users with safer access.

To reduce ongoing maintenance needs, the path’s light poles have been fitted with energy efficient LED lights.

Minor finishing and quality testing works may be required on the path in the coming months. As such, some traffic management may be implemented on the path from time to time. Signage will be in place to guide path users.

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FURTHER INFORMATION
If you would like to know more about the Mitchell Freeway Extension, please visit the project page at mainroads.wa.gov.au

Artwork on the footbridge inspired by local school children

LED lighting

Cyclists/pedestrian underpass at Hester Avenue