

PERTH DARWIN NATIONAL HIGHWAY PLANNING STUDY (Reid Highway to Maralla Road)

COMMUNITY CONSIDERATION OF FREEWAY CONCEPT PLAN

Main Roads is undertaking a planning study for the Perth Darwin National Highway (PDNH) between Reid Highway and Maralla Road in Bullsbrook. The study is investigating a preferred alignment and defining a reservation for the route.

Our January 2013 newsletter advised that the option to connect the PDNH to Tonkin Highway was preferred over the previous alignment along Lord Street. This was because it provides a more effective road link for commuter and freight traffic, and also has less social impact on existing and future residential areas. Government has committed funding to this new route, which is shown on the plan overleaf.

The purpose of this newsletter is to:

- provide an update on the road planning work we have done to define the freeway concept and reservation that connects the PDNH with Tonkin Highway; and
- seek comment from landowners, the community and other stakeholders on the concept illustrated in this newsletter.

Finalising the planning work will protect a reservation for the road and provide a framework for local land use planning.

Current status

The study has included environmental assessments, Aboriginal and European heritage assessments, concept design, drainage investigations and consultation with landowners, key stakeholders and the community.

The study working group members include: Main Roads, Department of Planning, Department of Transport, Department of Environment and Conservation, Department of Water, Water Corporation, City of Swan, City of Wanneroo and Public Transport Authority.

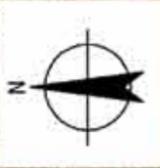
This group has met three times to discuss the study, and has agreed on the freeway concept in this newsletter. We would now like the community and other key stakeholders to comment.

About this Freeway Concept Plan

There are several key aspects of the concept plan that we would like to highlight.

1. The PDNH joins the future East Wanneroo Road south of Gngangara Road. The East Wanneroo Road has been endorsed in principle by the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC). The section north of Gngangara Road will be the subject of a further planning study.
2. The PDNH will ultimately be constructed to four-lane freeway standard.
3. Grade separated interchanges are planned at Hepburn Avenue, Gngangara Road and The Promenade/Drumpellier Drive.
4. Beechboro Road North will be closed south of the PDNH.
5. The PDNH alignment north of Ellenbrook remains unchanged from the previous alignment.
6. Aboriginal and European heritage investigations have been undertaken.
7. Environmentally sensitive areas have been identified by the working group and have been taken into account in developing the concept.
8. The PDNH alignment has been selected to minimise impact on water bores on the Gngangara Mound.
9. The City of Swan is investigating the type of road that will be required along the previously planned PDNH alignment along Lord Street, and Main Roads is assisting with this work.





ELLENBROOK

FUTURE EAST
WANNEROO ROAD

PROPOSED
PERTH-DARWIN
NATIONAL HIGHWAY Link
to TONKIN HIGHWAY

PREVIOUS PDNH
ALIGNMENT DOWN
LORD STREET

WHITEMAN PARK

BALLAJURA

ULTIMATE CONCEPT SHOWN
WILL NOT BE CONSTRUCTED IN FIRST PHASE

LEGEND:

- CARRIAGEWAY
- ROAD RESERVE
- DRAINAGE BASIN



Project Development and Construction

The PDNH has been identified as a priority project for the State Government. The State and Federal Governments have recently committed funding to start building the section between Tonkin Highway and Muchea, also known as the Swan Valley Bypass. Construction is expected to commence in 2016 and a Project Development Team has been set up to work towards this. It is important to note that:

- The freeway concept shown in this newsletter is the long term plan. It is intended to cater for traffic volumes well into the future.
- To make the project affordable the road is likely to be constructed in stages. The long term road configuration, including interchanges, may not be constructed during the first stage.
- Further community and stakeholder engagement will be an important part of the project development. This will help guide the scope of the first stage. If you want to be involved in this please send us your details. These will be passed on to the Project Development Team.

How stakeholders and community members can provide comment

Main Roads invites comment from the community and stakeholders on this freeway concept plan. We are contacting and liaising with a wide range of directly impacted landowners and groups during this consultation process.

All comments will be reviewed by Main Roads and the study working group. The plan will then be modified where necessary and a preferred concept and reservation prepared and presented to key stakeholders for endorsement (including local government and the WAPC). The WAPC will then be approached to include the reservation in the Perth Metropolitan Region Scheme.

If you wish to provide comment on the freeway concept plan, please send your comments by **12 July 2013** to:

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If you have any queries, please telephone Carolyn on **(08) 9450 1445**.

To view a larger size version of the freeway concept plan please go to www.mainroads.wa.gov.au and then Building Roads, Projects, Planning Project, Perth Darwin National Highway



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