

# Perth Freight Link

## A FREE-FLOWING FREIGHT CONNECTION

Perth Freight Link will create a free-flowing freight connection between Perth's key industrial areas including Kewdale, Welshpool and Canning Vale, and Fremantle. The \$1.6 billion project jointly funded by the Commonwealth and State Governments is the largest road infrastructure development of its kind ever undertaken in Western Australia.

### Location

The Perth Freight Link is a 13.4km corridor, delivered in two sections:

- Section One (finalised route): 5.2km extension of Roe Highway from Kwinana Freeway to just west of Coolbellup Avenue
- Section Two (current planned route): Upgrades to Stock Road, Leach Highway, High Street and Stirling Highway, spanning 8.2km

During the project's design development an alternative route, including a tunnel, is being investigated. The feasibility of other options for Section Two will be considered against environmental, economic and social impact measures. The preferred route will be determined later in 2015.

### Why we need a freight link

Perth Freight Link will resolve two major problems:

#### 1. Growth in freight traffic on mixed use routes:

The mix of heavy and light vehicles is having an adverse impact on public safety and is highlighted by the number of crashes involving heavy vehicles which is significantly higher in Perth's southern suburbs than the metropolitan average.

#### 2. Reduced freight efficiency and productivity:

The high volume of freight traffic along Leach Highway is constrained by regular 'stop-start' traffic resulting from the large number of traffic lights. The free-flowing vehicle movement will provide the freight industry with improved travel time reliability resulting in increased productivity.

### Project scope

The project works will see:

#### Section One (finalised route)

- A freeway to freeway interchange at Kwinana Freeway to start the 5.2km extension of Roe Highway, to just west of Coolbellup Avenue
- Interchanges/flyovers at Murdoch Drive, Bibra Drive, Progress Drive, North Lake Road and Coolbellup Avenue

#### Section Two (current planned route – to be confirmed later in 2015)

- Upgrading of Stock Road through O'Connor and Willagee, with interchanges/flyovers at Winterfold Road, South Street and Leach Highway

- Upgrading Leach Highway and High Street with interchanges/flyovers at Carrington Street, High Street and Marmion Street
- Improvements to High Street in Fremantle

### Key benefits

- 14 traffic lights bypassed
- Shorter journey times for all motorists
- An estimated 500 trucks per day removed from Leach Highway between Kwinana Freeway and Stock Road by 2031
- Reduced operating costs for the transport industry, business and commuters through freer flowing traffic movement
- Environmental benefits through non-stop traffic movements which reduce exhaust emissions and lower fuel usage
- Savings of around 450,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent by 2031
- Better access to Kwinana Freeway, North Lake Road, Stock Road and the suburb of Bibra Lake
- Improved access and freer flow of traffic into the Murdoch precinct and Fiona Stanley Hospital by mid-2017



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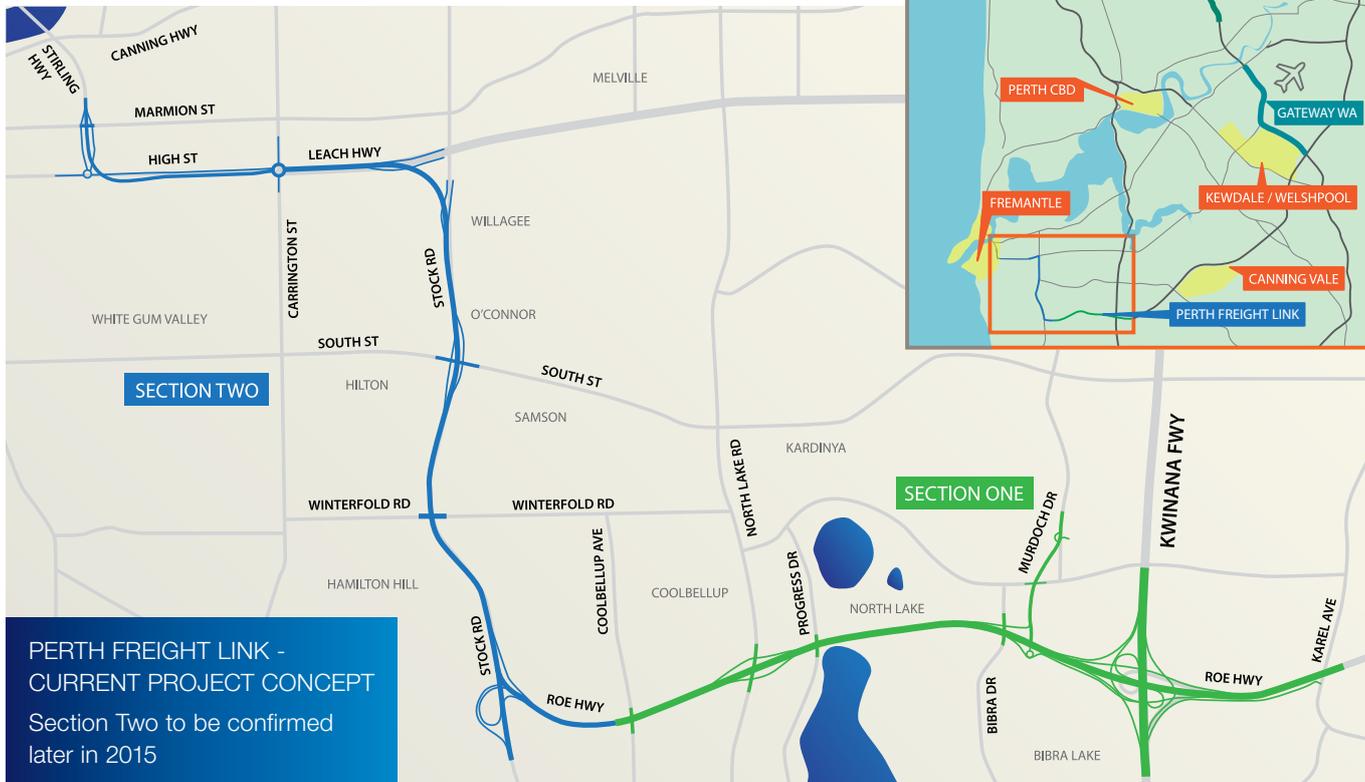
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The project will result in improved safety for all road users, reduced traffic congestion, fewer trucks on suburban roads, lower emissions, reduced noise and significant productivity improvements.



### Project milestones

- Construction of the project will be covered under two separate contracts:
  - The first contract for Section One is expected to be awarded in September 2015
  - The second contract for Section Two is expected to be awarded in December 2015
- Works are expected to begin for both contracts in early 2016
- All works are scheduled for completion in 2019
- No work will start on the project until all environmental approvals have been received

### Connecting with you

The Perth Freight Link team is committed to keeping residents, communities and local businesses informed about the project. Main Roads will carefully monitor the effectiveness of its consultation process to ensure a sound understanding of stakeholder views and concerns.

### WANT MORE INFORMATION?

For more information, or to register for further updates, you can contact the Perth Freight Link team:

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