

Causeway Pedestrian and Cyclist Bridges

Works to commence at Heirisson Island

Works will soon commence on Heirisson Island as part of the Causeway Pedestrian and Cyclists Bridges Project, being delivered by the Causeway Link Alliance (CLA).

The \$100 million project will see two iconic cable-stayed bridges, comprising a 6-metre-wide segregated path linking the Victoria Park foreshore with Heirisson Island and Perth's CBD at Point Fraser.

The two bridges will connect over Heirisson Island, providing improved connectivity for both pedestrians and cyclists to the river and foreshore areas on both sides of the island, while enhancing the natural environment through landscaping and showcasing Whadjuk Noongar cultural heritage. It is anticipated that this project will further activate Heirisson Island, welcoming visitors and locals alike.

The alignment of the new bridges, approximately 90 metres downstream of the existing Causeway traffic bridge, was chosen in consultation with stakeholders including Whadjuk Elders, minimising impacts on flora and fauna.

Access road for construction

The Alliance will commence earthworks and compaction on Heirisson Island in March 2023, with the construction of an access road entering the island from the west side of the existing Causeway traffic bridge.

A slight deviation of the shared path on Heirisson Island will be required to safely undertake construction until the project's completion at the end of 2024.

Access will be maintained for all path users. Temporary traffic management and controls will be in place to provide advance warning to path users, so please proceed with caution and adhere to signage. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience these works may cause.



Above: Concept designs of the foreshore path at the south of Heirisson Island (Victoria Park side)

Retaining and repurposing trees

The Alliance has worked with key stakeholders including the Matagarup Elders Group and local governments, to adopt tree sensitive designs and construction methodologies to minimise the impact on established trees as far as reasonably practicable.

As many trees as possible will be retained during site establishment and throughout construction, however the removal of trees is necessary to facilitate the construction of the bridges' abutments and connecting paths. The trees removed will be replaced or repurposed within the project site where possible.

The Alliance is donating several trees to the Woodturners Association, who will salvage timber for a few projects.

The Project has also identified trees and vegetation that can be donated to Perth Zoo, including acacia trees for the giraffes, branches for native habitats, and mulch that can be used throughout the Zoo's gardens.

Supporting native flora and fauna

The number of trees on Heirisson Island will significantly increase upon completion of this project.

Whilst a landscaping strategy is still being finalised, a significant number of Australian and local native plants will be planted in the foreshore areas and surrounding the path network on the Island.

This will result in a long-term increase in native plant and tree species, which over time will form a larger canopy that will support biodiversity, provide habitat for native birdlife and minimise water use.



Above: Concept designs of the foreshore path at the north of Heirisson Island (Perth side)

Kangaroo protection

The Western Grey Kangaroos that live within the fenced off area on the most western side of Heirisson Island will not be impacted by the works and will remain there during construction.

Noise and vibration will be monitored on Heirisson Island during construction to ensure the kangaroos inhabiting the area are not adversely affected.

Further information

More information about this project is available on the project webpage, you can also subscribe for updates: www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/causeway-path

If you would like further information, have any questions or concerns, you can contact us at 138 138 or email: enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au

Acknowledgement of Country

The Government of Western Australia acknowledges the traditional custodians throughout Western Australia and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community.

We pay our respects to all members of Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders both past and present.