

Causeway Pedestrian and Cyclist Bridges



As part of the Perth City Deal, this project is jointly funded by the Australian (\$50 million) and Western Australian (\$50 million) governments.

The Causeway Pedestrian and Cyclist Bridges 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. Dedicated rest points along the bridges will be accessible to path users. Construction is due to commence in January 2023, with site establishment at McCallum Park.

2022 has been a busy year for the project:

- The bridges are progressing through detailed design, with significant stakeholder input informing development of the urban and landscape outcomes
- Extensive engagement has continued with key stakeholders, including the Matagarup Elders Group (MEG)

- Expressions of Interest for public art are now open.

Established in September 2021, the MEG have met regularly with the Project team, providing valuable cultural input to inform the design of the bridge's recreational areas.

In consultation with the MEG, the following cultural narrative and themes have been developed, reflecting the significance of the area to Whadjuk Noongar people and the stories that have been passed from generation to generation.

"Through interpretive architectural and landscape design and beautiful public art, this place will showcase Whadjuk Noongar culture to the world."

Cultural themes for the Project

1. The spirit of the water and the land
2. Caring for Country
3. A crossing place
4. A place of resistance
5. A living culture.

Expressions of Interest – Noongar Artists for Public Art

The Project is commissioning a series of public artworks, which includes sculptural totems, a patterned pathway design and a series of wall-based artworks for the bridge abutments.

The objectives of the artwork are to:

- Reflect the importance of this area in Noongar culture with stories and themes relevant to the site
- Create engaging and educational moments for all visitors
- Contribute to a sense of place
- Enhance the public recreational spaces and bridges through integrated designs
- Create markers and meeting points along the bridges.

The Project is seeking Noongar artists for these significant commissions through an expression of interest process (EOI). Opportunities for Noongar artists of all levels of experience are available, and an EOI can be submitted for as many of the artworks as they wish.

Up to 6 artists will be shortlisted to work closely with the project team and develop concept designs.

For more information and to submit an expression of interest please visit:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CBA_NAC

Submissions are due by Tuesday 17 January 2023 - 5pm AWST.

For assistance in completing the Expression of Interest, please contact artsandculture@elementwa.com.au or 9289 8300.

Stakeholder Engagement to date

In addition to engagement with the MEG, significant engagement has been undertaken with other key stakeholders, including:

- City of Perth and Town of Victoria Park on land access, approvals, and design matters
- Office of the Government Architect and the State Design Review Panel on design and landscaping
- Westcycle and Department of Transport – Urban Mobility Division, on path design and detours
- WA Water Ski Association, Department of Transport – Maritime Division and river users on design, river access and construction impacts
- Local businesses, on the final design and construction impacts.

Where exactly will the new bridges be located?

The new bridges will be approximately 90 metres downstream (west) of the existing Causeway traffic bridge.

When can I walk or cycle across the new bridges?

The bridges are anticipated to open in late 2024.

What construction impacts will there be?

Construction on land will involve ground preparation, earthworks and piling for the bridge approach and embankments.

In-river works will include piling (setting deep foundations for pylons), pile caps and constructing pylon structures. Two 'lay down areas' will be located near the foreshores of Point Fraser and McCallum Park.

Works will be conducted to minimise any impact to community, foreshore park users and river vessels. Once the methodology for river construction is confirmed prior to commencement in mid-2023, information will be shared on the project website and to directly impacted users.

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