

# 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 Development Application for the Causeway Pedestrian and Cyclist Bridges Project has been approved, with site establishment and ground improvement works due to start in early 2023.

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

Development Approval (also referred to as Planning Approval) was recently approved by the City of Perth Local Development Assessment Panel (LDAP) based on advice from the WA Planning Commission, following extensive consultation and collaboration with landowners, including the City of Perth, Town of

Victoria Park, the Swan River Trust and the Project's Matagarup Elders Group (MEG).

A smoking ceremony was recently held on Matagarup (Heirisson Island) by Stanley Headland. The site of Matagarup holds strong cultural significance to Aboriginal people and holding the smoking ceremony there acknowledged this. Stanley is a traditional Owner of Whadjuk Noongar Boodjar (lands of the Southwest of WA) and a member of the Project's MEG.

The smoking ceremony was performed prior to commencement of construction, with the project team invited to attend, observe, and then be cleansed by the smoke. A smoking ceremony is a traditional Noongar ritual to cleanse and purify the area and participants' spirit, body, and soul, so that the team can work safely on Whadjuk Noongar Boodja.

It provided an opportunity for the project team to learn more about the significance of the area and to connect on Country with representatives of the Matagarup Elders Group.

## Site establishment

With approvals in place, project activities will start to ramp up, commencing at McCallum Park in early February 2023. The Causeway Link Alliance will establish a temporary site compound, which will include construction of an access road from Garland Street, involving earthworks and compaction. Trenching and installation of services including water and power for the site will also occur.

Fencing will be installed around the work site to prevent unauthorised access and to ensure a safe distance is maintained between the community and construction machinery. All community facilities at McCallum Park will remain open.



The site compound will typically operate from 7am to 7pm Monday to Saturday, with staff arriving from 5.30am. It will also be used by project personnel during scheduled night works.

Site compounds will also be located at Heirisson Island and Point Fraser. More details will be provided prior to their construction. All site compounds will remain in place until the project's completion at the end of 2024.

Noise, dust, and vibration controls will be in place and may be noticeable to those living or working nearby, with activities required to prepare for construction of the new bridges. At times, construction vehicles will need to use local roads in the area to access the project site, therefore, mixing with the general public.

Temporary traffic management and controls will be implemented on affected roads to provide advance warning to motorists. Road conditions may be unfamiliar so please proceed with caution and adhere to speed limits and signage.

## Ground improvements

Ground improvements are required to create a solid landing for the bridge to touch the ground. This is to ensure the stability and safety of the bridge. This work will be the first visible sign that construction has commenced for this project, and will occur at the four bridge abutments in this order; McCallum Park, Heirisson Island South, then North and Point Fraser. This work will commence in the middle of this year.

Ground improvements involve the installation of columns and a platform to provide a stable base for the embankments, which will then be preloaded with yellow sand fill. To allow for settlement, the fill must rest for a period of time, ranging from six to 12 months. This is essential to ensure the longevity and safety of the bridges for the community.

## Ongoing service investigations

Prior to ground improvement works commencing at Point Fraser, ongoing investigations and relocation works of existing services will continue within and adjacent to the project site.

These works are unlikely to impact nearby businesses. To create a safe separation between workers, vehicles and path users, traffic management will be required on the existing Causeway Bridge and Riverside Drive and detours will be put in place on the principal shared path.

More details will be provided in future construction updates.

## 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](http://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/causeway-path)