PROJECT UPDATE APRIL 2022





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EastLink WA Planning and Development



EastLink WA is a culmination of more than 40 years of road planning activities to provide a safer, more efficient route between Perth and Northam for freight and road users. It will allow users to travel at a consistent speed through bridged intersections and a dual carriageway, deliver major travel time savings, and enable access for RAV 7 heavy vehicles (36.5m combinations) between Perth and Northam.

The Australian Government and State Government have each committed \$10 million towards the \$20 million commitment to the planning and development for Eastlink WA, which will take place over three years and involve planning studies, design refinement and scoping to produce preliminary designs for the route. This detailed planning and development work is needed to establish a business case and inform future investment decisions.

Continuing to refine the Access Strategy

In January we invited feedback from the community through an online community survey and phase 1 of our interactive map hosted on My Say Transport. Both were open from 25 January to 28 February 2022. We received many contributions which included detailed feedback about various aspects of the project, reflecting diverse views within the community.

We're considering your feedback alongside a wide range of social, environmental, heritage, engineering and land-use requirements to refine the Access Strategy for the project, which plans for how the highway will function in its ultimate future design that considers a 2051 time horizon. This includes considering local road connectivity, pedestrian and cycling facilities, provision of new side roads to allow for property access, proposed cul-de-sacs and emergency access points.

A 'what we've heard' community consultation report will be prepared over the coming months that consolidates what we've heard from community on the project and will include how community feedback has been considered in the design to date.

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You can now have your say on the key connections for the highway

Consultation on the Access Strategy continues over the next three months and many of you have expressed keenness to see the next level of design for the highway.

The first phase of the interactive map provided an initial look at access point locations along the highway and the intended travel movements.

Building on this, the next phase of our consultation now focuses on connectivity.

We have provided an updated interactive map via our <u>My Say Transport page</u> and we encourage you to view and provide feedback on the latest proposed plans and key connections, including:

- updated alignment
- interchange and intersection layouts
- local roads created to connect to the highway and required cul de sacs
- major cycle and pedestrian paths
- the Kep Track, including a new connection from Lilydale Road to Werribee Road.

We want to hear from you about the Kep Track

A key feature of phase two of the interactive map is the Kep Track. We know from our engagement so far on the project that this is an important social, environmental and heritage asset for locals and visitors to the region.

While it's too early in the project to confirm what the final design of the highway will be, we've identified that between Wooroloo and Northam the proposed highway overlaps and crosses the existing Kep Track at a number of locations. There are several kilometres of the track that may be affected by the proposed highway and will require some form of realignment or modification. We are committed to protecting this asset as much as possible and we want to gather more information from the community about its existing use and functionality, so that the form and location of the track remains sympathetic to its current character and natural surrounds.

Share your thoughts now through our survey on our <u>My Say Transport page</u>.

More information and get in touch

For the latest project information, visit our website www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/eastlinkwa. We will continue to keep you informed throughout the project, in the meantime, if you have questions or feedback to share you can get in touch with us on 138 138 or email us at enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au.

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