

High Street Upgrade

STIRLING HIGHWAY TO CARRINGTON STREET, FREMANTLE

The proposed \$118 million High Street Upgrade from Carrington Street to Stirling Highway project, jointly funded by the Australian (73.6 million) and State (\$44.4 million) governments, is part of the road and rail infrastructure package to improve Perth's transport network.

About the Project

The initial concept planned for the upgrade of High Street, presented to the community in 2013, is no longer the preferred option.

A new draft concept has been developed that takes into consideration previous feedback from local residents and stakeholders as well as recent consultations with the City of Fremantle.

The current layout of High Street – from Carrington Street to the Stirling Highway intersection, provides direct access to several local roads and driveways which results in stop-start conditions and heightened safety risks. This results in congestion and unpredictable journey times to and from Fremantle Port.

The objective of the new draft concept design is to improve safety and the general flow of traffic for all road users travelling into and out of Fremantle.

Key features

The proposed plan include:

- construction of a roundabout at the intersection of High Street and Stirling Highway;

- a wide median to separate traffic and preserve a number of mature trees; and
- a single lane service road for residents north of High Street.

Main Roads WA is working closely with the City of Fremantle on the development of the draft concept plan and to assist in addressing local access issues.

Why is this project needed?

Currently High Street between Stirling Highway and Carrington Street is experiencing significant traffic congestion impacting on traffic efficiencies and safety.

There is also a high crash rate along the route which needs to be addressed.

What about the long term?

In the longer term, the State Government's Westport Strategy will outline a vision to guide the planning, development and growth of both the Inner Harbour at Fremantle and the Outer Harbour at Kwinana.

You can have your say on this strategy by visiting www.transport.wa.gov.au/westport

Key Dates

Note the following dates are subject to change

Concept design phase

June to November 2018.

Late 2018/early 2019: form Construction Reference Group

Tender phase

The tender will be issued in October 2018 with the contract award expected to be mid-2019.

Construction commences

Early construction works anticipated to begin second half of 2019.



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What is the safety concern?

Over the five year period from 2013-2017, approximately 450 crashes occurred within the project area with 74 per cent being rear end crashes and 11 per cent right angle or right turn crashes.

Will Main Roads be acquiring houses for this project?

The draft concept only impacts houses already owned by State Government. Once the project scope is finalised, the future of these houses will be determined – although it is likely these houses will need to be demolished.

How large is the roundabout at the corner of Stirling Highway and High Street?

At this stage, around 60 metres in diameter, similar in size to the Mandjoogoordap Drive exit off Kwinana Freeway. The final size and lane configurations will be determined as part of further development and design.

How will environmental issues be managed?

An assessment is being undertaken as part of this project. The concept tries to limit the impact on trees by separating the carriageways to preserve as many trees as possible. Other issues such as noise will be further investigated during the design process.

Community consultation

We invited feedback from the local community, businesses, road users and industry on the High Street Upgrade draft concept plan. In a six week consultation program in April/May the key themes from consultation were:

- How will we address connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists?
- Will the proposed roundabout efficiently manage traffic from all three directions?
- What changes will local residents have to make to access the upgraded road?
- How will historic issues with parking at Fremantle Netball Association be addressed?
- How will noise from heavy vehicle traffic be addressed?
- A summary of consultation is available on our website.

This feedback will now be used to help refine our final concept and scope of works designed to deliver improvements to pedestrian and road safety, freight efficiency and the general flow of traffic for all road users travelling in and out of Fremantle.

How many trees are being removed?

The plan is to minimise tree removal. Creating the wide median will have some impact on the existing public golf course fairway but the new roadway will preserve a number of mature trees identified in earlier consultations as highly significant to the community.

Are pedestrian facilities being considered?

As a result of community feedback, pedestrian crossing facilities are being investigated for High Street and Stirling Highway.

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

Please contact Main Roads on phone 138 138 or email highstreetupgrade@mainroads.wa.gov.au

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