

Leach Highway and Welshpool Road Interchange

What's happening

The first quarter of 2022 will see major work on the two bridges being constructed for the project.

Sections of Railway Parade and Sevenoaks Street will be temporarily closed to facilitate building crane pads, assembling cranes, and lifting and installation of beams for the duplicated bridge over the Armadale passenger line.

Lifting and placing the first span is scheduled for Friday 4 March to Monday 7 March, and from Wednesday 23 March to Tuesday 29 March 2022 for the other two spans.

During the work one 800-tonne crane and a 90-tonne support crane will be positioned at Sevenoaks Street. In addition, an 800-tonne crane and a 150-tonne support crane will be positioned at Railway Parade. A total 24 beams will be lifted and placed. The eight beams for the middle span are each 26.7m long and weigh 67 tonnes. The 16 beams for the north and south spans are each 35m long and weigh 114 tonnes.

A similar operation to install beams for the new Leach Highway bridge over Welshpool Road is scheduled for early April. A section of Welshpool Road will be closed for approximately four days to facilitate lifting and placing of a total 16 beams. The beams for each span of the Leach Highway bridge are 45m long and weigh 165 tonnes.

Details of road closures and detours will be circulated in early 2022.



One of the beams for the Leach Highway bridge being delivered to site.

Other construction activities in early 2022

During January and February work will continue on the new Leach Highway alignment. Activities will include pavement construction, infill, and retaining walls.

Traffic changes

Traffic will flow in its current temporary alignment until after the bridge beams for the new Leach Highway bridge over Welshpool Road have been installed. Following this work, traffic will be moved onto the northbound lanes of Leach Highway, with single lanes in each direction, to enable work on the southbound lanes.

Local spend continues as project ramps up

The Leach Welshpool Alliance is keen to spend locally where possible, and two Welshpool-based suppliers have delivered integral components. The project has spent more than \$12 million locally and plans to continue to 'buy local'.

Steel posts

The Alliance is sourcing all 64 posts required for noise walls from QSM Fabrication, a metal workshop specialising in a variety of steel products. The posts range from 3.3 to 5.5 metres long and weigh a maximum 0.6 tonne. After manufacture at QSM Fabrication's Tilli Place site, the posts are galvanised at a separate location and delivered to the project site. The project has benefitted from QSM Fabrication's handy location and competitive pricing.



QSM Fabrication Boilermaker Welder Miso Subotic and Manager Giuseppe Siciliano in the workshop with LWA Project Engineer Adeel Ahmad.

Site vehicles

The new Mitsubishi vehicles sourced for use on the Leach Highway and Welshpool Road Interchange Project did not have to be driven far from the showroom.

Mitsubishi Motors Australia Limited WA State Office, based in Welshpool, in conjunction with its WA Dealer Network has provided 12 new Triton utility vehicles for the project. Overall, Leach Welshpool Alliance construction partner (Georgiou Group) has sourced 155 Triton utilities from Mitsubishi over the past two year for its business needs in WA.

Mitsubishi's relationship with Leach Welshpool Alliance has extended beyond the supply of vehicles, with the LWA team holding both community and internal team workshops in Mitsubishi's training centre in Welshpool.

The project vehicles have been prominent around the Welshpool area since construction started.



Mitsubishi Motors Australia WA/SA/NT General Manager Mark Edmonds and Fleet Manager Steve Senior handing over the Triton utility keys to Project Engineers Nick Tarquinio and Asad Saayed.

How do I find out more about the project?

To stay up to date with the project, please [subscribe](#) to receive email notifications or visit [Leach Highway and Welshpool Road Interchange project webpage](#).

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