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Leach Highway and Welshpool Road Interchange Construction Update

The Leach Highway and Welshpool Road Interchange project is entering its final phase of construction and is expected to fully open to road users in early 2023.



Above: Access from Welshpool Road to Leach Highway southbound open via the new ramp.

The new bridge on Leach Highway over Welshpool Road and the replacement of the Welshpool Road traffic signals with a temporary roundabout are already delivering a 30 per cent reduction in travel time through the project area, when compared with the pre-project scenario. This figure will improve further once the project is open in its permanent configuration.

In recent weeks, the project has restored access between Welshpool Road and Leach Highway southbound, through the completion and opening of a new on-ramp. Other turning movements on local roads in the project area have also been reinstated. These include the connection between Ewing Street North and the Railway Parade T-junction. As part of these works, a new footpath has been constructed on the eastern side of Ewing Street North.

As we move into the summer months, work will continue on both new bridges, along with additional structural upgrades to the existing bridge over the railway line. Final pavements, street lighting, safety barriers and landscaping are also continuing across the length of the project.

Lookahead to Spring and Summer 2022/23

- Work on the northern side of Welshpool Road, east and west of the new bridge, will continue throughout October and November.
- The off-ramp and pedestrian ramp from Leach Highway northbound to Welshpool Road in front of Milne Feeds is being completed.
- Sections of Leach Highway either side of the railway bridge are being constructed in their permanent alignment. During this work, traffic will be switched onto different lanes to allow traffic to continue to travel north and south on the Highway.
- Now that traffic is going over the Welshpool Road bridge, we'll be constructing the roundabout in its permanent configuration over the coming months.

Community locations benefit from project's vegetation commitment

Queens Park Primary School (QPPS) is the latest community location to receive native plants as part of re-greening undertaken by the project. For every plant that was removed during construction to allow for road widening and structures, the Leach Welshpool Alliance (LWA) has purchased four native plants ranging from seedlings to larger eucalypts.

QPPS had some areas on the fringe of the school oval they wanted to fill in with eucalypts to match established trees. Also, some spots in raised beds near the playground have been planted with tube stock.

Right: Year 3 and 4 Queens Park Primary School students enjoy caring for the shrubs given to the school by the Leach Welshpool Alliance.



Further information

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