



Mitchell Freeway Extension - Hester Avenue to Romeo Road

We are planning to extend Mitchell Freeway north from Hester Avenue in Clarkson to Romeo Road in Alkimos – improving access and travel times to Perth’s far northern suburbs.

The Mitchell Freeway Extension – Hester Avenue to Romeo Road project will extend a critical link in Perth’s western transport corridor and facilitate residential, business development and employment opportunities.

Positive community response to survey

In August 2019, we invited the community to participate in a survey to gauge sentiment for the Mitchell Freeway Extension and gain feedback on how everyone would like to stay informed about the project.

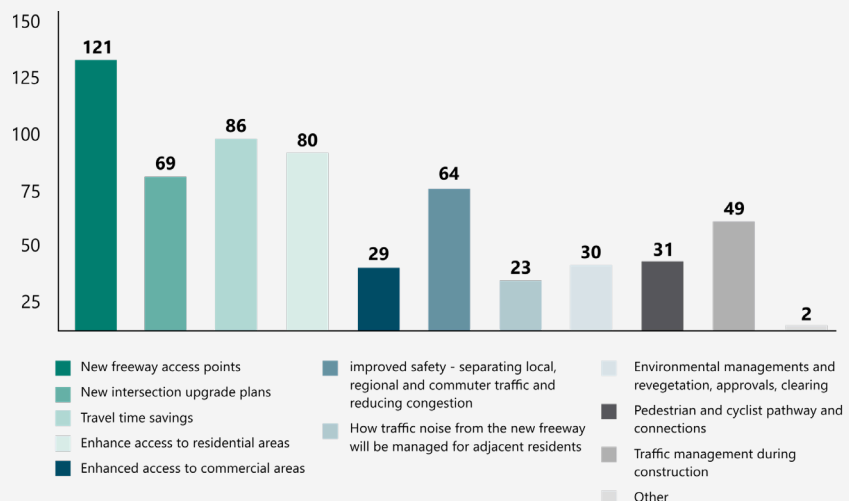
Thank you to the people that took part – we received 142 responses with 97 per cent expressing support for the project.

The majority of respondents identified as living in Butler, Alkimos and Yanchep with 83 per cent expecting to drive the new Mitchell Freeway extension at least three times per week.

Most respondents indicated they would prefer to be kept updated via email or by visiting the project webpage. You can subscribe for email updates by visiting mainroads.wa.gov.au/projects

Community response to the survey question

“Which elements of the project are you most interested in?”



What are the next steps?

Further planning and development work will continue during 2020, with early construction works scheduled for late 2020.

We have been working with key stakeholders and industry representatives as we undertake early planning and development, to define the project within the freeway corridor and ensure it complements other planned projects in the area.

Additionally, we will continue to engage with residents, local businesses and special interest groups to identify any concerns, issues and views that may inform the concept design and seek resolution within the design scope.

Expressions of interest sought from industry

Late last year we called for expressions of interest from industry for the design and construction of the Mitchell Freeway Extension project.

The applications are now being assessed in order for us to issue a request for proposals to shortlisted proponents.

The procurement of major construction contracts can take around 12 months to complete – hence why the process is now under way.

It is anticipated that contract award will be in late 2020.

Quick Facts

How will impacts on the local network be managed?

Traffic modelling to examine the potential impacts of the freeway extension on the existing local road network is under way. This includes current and future traffic projections.

What noise mitigation will be considered?

The impacts of noise from new roads is managed under State Planning Policy 5.4 "Road and Rail Transport Noise and Freight Considerations in Land Use Planning".

Baseline noise monitoring at several locations, including some residential properties, took place late last year.

The monitoring was carried out along the Mitchell Freeway alignment, Wanneroo Road and Romeo Road to assess the current and projected 20 year noise levels.

The results will inform noise modelling and mitigation requirements along the alignment. This is anticipated to be completed in the first half of 2020.

What provision is there for a future interchange at Butler Boulevard?

Although an interchange at Butler Boulevard is not part of the current funded project scope, it is part of the longer term planning for the Mitchell Freeway. As such, the area required for the future proposed works has been incorporated within the environmental referral for the current project.

This will allow for the future construction of the Butler Boulevard interchange, if and when required, subject to available approvals and funding.

Construction of the Mitchell Freeway Extension Project will be aligned and coordinated with the **Yanchep Rail Extension**, part of the Australian and State Governments' commitments to METRONET.

Environmental and heritage considerations

Additional to the regulatory assessments and approvals, much preliminary work has been undertaken to understand and recognise the potential impact of the freeway extension on the surrounding environment.

Flora, vegetation and fauna surveys were undertaken during 2018 and 2019 to inform the planning and design of the proposal, and any mitigation measures required.

Indigenous and non-indigenous heritage surveys were completed on site throughout 2019.

As part of the principal shared path design we are proposing strategic connections to the existing heritage trail within Neerabup National Park at Romeo Road and to Nowergup Lake Hike Trail at Wanneroo Road and Lukin Drive.

We are working with the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions and the City of Wanneroo regarding these connections and will prepare information for the wider community to consider in early 2020.



Image taken during the flora and fauna survey

Regulatory environmental approvals under way

Every effort will be made to minimise impacts on the environment.

The proposal has been referred to the Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Energy (DotEE) under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. The proposal is currently being assessed by preliminary documentation. We anticipate the preliminary documentation to be published by mid 2020 on the DotEE website for the community to provide comment.

Clearing of native vegetation will be necessary along the alignment and Main Roads will apply for a clearing permit under Part V of the Environmental Protection Act 1986.

Main Roads will prepare and implement detailed construction environmental management plans and procedures to enable compliance with various State and Commonwealth environmental approval conditions.



The \$215 million Mitchell Freeway extension project is equally funded by the Australian and Western Australian governments.

Key sustainability opportunities identified

Our early development work has identified some key areas of focus and opportunities including the use of LED lighting and recycled materials in construction, which will be considered as we progress the design.

In regards to procurement – we are implementing strategies to give local businesses every opportunity to take part in construction as well as challenging contractors to offer sustainable options in materials sourcing and supply.

Construction Reference Group nominations open!

We are seeking nominations from residents, local businesses, specialist and community groups who may be interested in joining the Mitchell Freeway Extension Project Construction Reference Group (CRG).

The CRG will regularly meet with the Mitchell Freeway Extension project team and key stakeholders, representing a diverse range of social, economic and environmental interests and values within the area.

The role of the CRG is to:

- Collaboratively inform the planning and development process for the project;
- Assist with the identification of, and responses to, project issues and opportunities identified by project stakeholders to ensure an optimal solution;
- Provide a conduit for two-way communication and stakeholder input; and
- Communicate matters to and from respective organisations, groups and committees.

If you would like to nominate, visit the Mitchell Freeway Extension Project page at mainroads.wa.gov.au/projects.

Further information and contact details

If you would like further information, have any questions or concerns, or would like to register for project updates, you can contact us in several ways:

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For more information or to receive updates on the **Yanchep Rail Extension** visit www.metronet.wa.gov.au

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We will continue to update you and seek your feedback as the planning and development of this project progresses.

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