Great Northern Connect, a joint venture between BGC Contracting and Laing O’Rourke, is working in partnership with Main Roads to deliver the NorthLink WA central section.

Construction progress
Since September, we have been:
- Building the first of four bridges at the Reid/Tonkin Highway interchange, including installing concrete panels for bridge abutments and undertaking earthworks
- Installing noise walls along the south side of Reid Highway and along residential boundaries adjacent to Ballajura
- Laying sub-base material along the new highway near Whiteman Park and north of Gnangara Road in preparation for asphalt works
- Increasing site security measures, including installation of permanent fencing and CCTV
- Laying temporary pavements along Reid Highway at the Tonkin Highway intersection for traffic management staging.

Upcoming works
In the next few months, we will:
- Continue bulk earthworks, including excavation, compaction works and haulage operations throughout site
- Continue noise wall installation at Ballajura, Bennett Springs and Beechboro along property boundaries
- Carry out asphalting works at Reid Highway/Altone Road intersection and along the new highway near Whiteman Park and north of Gnangara Road
- Complete works on temporary pavements along Reid and Tonkin Highway, including installing traffic barriers and diverting traffic onto temporary road alignments
- Put detours in place for pedestrians and cyclists in Beechboro, Bennett Springs, Noranda and Ballajura.

First permanent pavement for central section
The first permanent asphalt pavement was laid in early November, with the pavement crew working south of Gnangara Road near Whiteman Park. The asphalt was the first of more than 640,000 tonnes required for this section of NorthLink WA. In areas where motorists will be travelling at high speeds, the asphalt will be ‘open grade’. This pavement offers the best drainage and produces the least noise from vehicles, improving visibility for motorists and minimising noise impacts for nearby residents.
Managing construction dust into the summer months

With the drier summer months upon us, the team recognises managing dust is more important than ever. We understand it can be unpleasant living close by a construction site, and we’re working hard to minimise the impacts on surrounding residents.

To minimise dust caused by construction, the team is:

- Using effective dust suppressants, such as Hydromulch or Dustex
- Increasing use of water carts and cannons to wet down access tracks and the surrounding site
- Monitoring dust levels to ensure construction dust stays within prescribed limits
- Working with the prevailing winds wherever possible to minimise opportunities for dust to blow onto surrounding properties.

Thank you to all residents living close by the construction site for your ongoing patience and understanding while we carry out these vital works.

Stay out of the construction site

The NorthLink WA site is an active construction site. We now have temporary and permanent fencing in place wherever possible, warning signs across the site, CCTV cameras in place and security guards on patrol. We are working with local police to help ensure community safety is maintained.

Despite these efforts, we still see children and adults risk their safety by entering the construction site. When unauthorised people enter the site, not only are they endangering their own lives, they’re also putting the safety of our construction team at risk.

Please stay out of the construction site and encourage your neighbours and family to do the same. Talk with your children about the serious dangers involved. Follow all construction signs, and if you’re unsure about where you can and can’t go around NorthLink WA, contact us on 1800 874 998 or email info@gncjv.com.au.

WANT MORE INFORMATION?
For more information and an interactive project map, visit www.northlinkwa.com.au. Register for regular email updates by emailing info@gncjv.com.au

For more construction related information about NorthLink WA central section, email info@gncjv.com.au or call 1800 874 998.

Noise wall update

Noise wall construction is underway in Beechboro, Bennett Springs and Ballajura. Concrete panels have been installed on the south side of Reid Highway between Beechboro Road North and Altone Road. Steel posts are being installed along Ballajura and preparation for noise wall installation has started near Orchard Park, Bennett Springs.

Installing the precast concrete panels along Reid Highway, Beechboro

Community events and information sessions

In late October, we invited Ellenbrook residents who backed on to the road reserve to attend drop-in information sessions regarding landscaping design affecting their properties.

The team showed community members artistic concept images of the proposed landscaping design between properties in Ellenbrook and the noise wall. Information about selected species, planting densities and heights at maturity, plans for ongoing maintenance was also available.

The sessions provided an opportunity for residents to give further input before landscaping design is finalised. We will be taking into account the feedback we received from these sessions in our final landscaping design.

Artist’s impression of landscaping between properties and the noise wall at Ellenbrook

Have you got an upcoming community meeting, event or function that you would like the Great Northern Connect project team to attend or present at? The project team can provide detailed information on NorthLink WA central section appropriate to your group’s needs. Contact us on 1800 874 998 to organise.

We will provide details of upcoming events via these updates and the emailing list, so stay tuned.