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 is underway and we are working along the length of the new highway between Reid Highway and Maralla Road to provide a free-flowing freeway link to Ellenbrook, as well as upgrading Reid Highway to dual carriageway from Tonkin Highway to Altone Road.

We are progressing from early works to major construction in the coming months. You can expect to see construction progress along Tonkin Highway, Hepburn Avenue, Reid Highway and at Ellenbrook.

**Noise wall installation**

To help protect residents from traffic noise, we will start constructing noise walls in September along Reid Highway. Noise walls have an added benefit of helping reduce noise during construction. Residents and property owners affected by noise walls have been consulted to ensure installation runs smoothly with minimal impacts.

Step one in noise wall installation is to drill holes in the ground and insert steel posts which hold the concrete panels. Once installed, the panels will be painted.

Residents with noise walls on their property boundary had the opportunity to choose one of three colours for the property-facing side of the wall. For all noise walls which are not located on a property boundary, the side facing away from the road will be painted Mist Green, as voted by residents and the Construction Reference Group.

**Upcoming works**

Over the next few months, some of the key activities that will continue or commence include:

- Bulk earthworks throughout the project site
- Installation of noise walls
- Altone Road intersection upgrade
- The placement of temporary pavement works, including traffic management
- Site investigation work, which includes detection and relocation of services such as communications, water etc.
**Construction progress**

Works are well underway and we have been busy:
- Engaging with residents along the alignment, in particular with residents affected by noise walls
- Constructing access tracks so we can install noise walls
- Setting up our site offices at Reid Highway and Tonkin Highway Interchange, Altone Road, Beechboro Road North near Hepburn Avenue and Ellenbrook
- Installing fencing
- Starting bulk earthworks throughout site
- Holding Construction Reference Group meetings and meeting with residents and other stakeholders.

**Reid Highway upgrade progress**

Works to upgrade the Reid Highway/Altone Road intersection began in August with activities including:
- Realignment of the shared use path that runs alongside Altone Road. The temporary path is located west of the original path while the construction work takes place
- Relocation of street lighting
- Earthworks to continue until October
- Installation of water wise drainage measures
- Demolition of existing traffic islands.

Other works planned or already underway:
- Traffic management, where required
- Commencement of night works
- Relocation of traffic lights
- Widening road pavement.

When you travel through roadworks along NorthLink WA, please slow down and enjoy the ride – the benefits will be worth it. Your patience and cooperation is appreciated while we undertake these vital works over the coming months.

**WANT MORE INFORMATION?**


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