John Holland is working in partnership with Main Roads to deliver the upgraded Tonkin Highway on NorthLink WA’s Southern Section.

Winter has finally arrived and construction is continuing to ramp up.

The Collier Road bridge over Tonkin Highway is nearly ready for traffic. We have started removing dirt from under the bridge to prepare for the new pavement, which will be built eight metres beneath the bridge.

Traffic lights have been installed at the future intersection of Collier Road and Wright Street, and will be operational by the end of July. U-turns will be allowed at this intersection for traffic travelling eastbound along Collier Road.

Morley Drive interchange will soon have southbound traffic on the Tonkin Highway bridge over Morley Drive. This will allow us to remove traffic signals on Morley Drive, allowing free flowing traffic.

At Benara Road, road users can see the flyover starting to take shape. Bridge beams were installed in early June with works on the bridge deck now underway.

Construction Progress

Our recent aerial photos show how far we’ve come since May 2016. Some landscaping will commence later this year, with majority of the planting to be undertaken after construction has been completed.

Collier Road at Tonkin Highway, Grey and Jackson Streets

Morley Drive at Tonkin Highway, Abbey Street and pedestrian underpass

Benara Road and Tonkin Highway
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Working with the community

We sincerely thank the community and local businesses for their cooperation and patience during these major construction works. We will continue to communicate well in advance to minimise disruption and give you time to plan ahead.

We hear you!

In March 2017, independent market research was undertaken to assess the effectiveness of our communication program for NorthLink WA southern section. A random selection of residents living in suburbs close to the works were interviewed. Key insights gained from the research included:

- **Awareness of NorthLink WA** is very high with almost **9 in 10 aware**.
- **8 in 10 people feel positive** about the project.
- More than half **agree that project communications are useful**, timely, objective and easily accessible.
- **6 in 10 feel they have received enough information** and those who feel they have not mostly want more information on timings (start date, completion date, completion of various stages of works), planned road works, and more regular progress updates.
- **Internet, online information and direct mail** were identified as the **most preferred type** of communication channels.

We appreciate your feedback and will work hard to make sure we keep you informed of progress and upcoming works that may impact you. If you prefer to receive information electronically, please register for our e-alerts via [www.northlinkwa.com.au](http://www.northlinkwa.com.au)

If you have any questions about the project, our communications team is available to respond to your enquiries at any time. To speak to a member of the team, call **1800 748 642** or email [info@northlinkwa.com.au](mailto:info@northlinkwa.com.au)

Top-down construction: earthworks to excavate the dirt out from underneath the Collier Road bridge deck have begun.

Upcoming Works

Works planned over the next month, subject to weather, include:

- **Southbound traffic on Tonkin Highway** will start driving on the new bridge over Morley Drive. At the same time, Morley Drive will reduce to one lane in each direction with two roundabouts instead of traffic lights to allow continued traffic flow. Access to Tonkin Highway northbound from Morley Drive will close for approximately three months while the new pedestrian underpass under Tonkin Highway northbound is completed. Morley Drive will be closed over a weekend to prepare the new bridge and roundabouts for traffic.

- **Traffic will start driving on the new realigned Collier Road and on the Collier Road bridge over Tonkin Highway.** There will be a weekend closure of Collier Road to prepare the new road for traffic.

Signed detours will be in place for the above road closures. Keep watching the Saturday edition of the West Australian and the Eastern Reporter for more information or sign up for our e-alerts to ensure you are kept up to date with scheduled traffic changes.

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

If you have any concerns or enquiries, please contact the NorthLink WA – Southern Section Communications Team on **1800 748 642** or [info@northlinkwa.com.au](mailto:info@northlinkwa.com.au)

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