Maintaining safe access to Hampton Park Primary School for the school community is paramount for the NorthLink WA team.

To access the school via the pedestrian underpass, parents and carers have been using an interim parking area on the east side of Tonkin Highway within the road reserve. This car park and underpass will be removed to construct the new highway and interchange with Morley Drive.

To ensure alternative safe access to and from the school was available, a Working Group was set up with representatives from Hampton Park Primary School, the P&C, the school Board, the Department of Education, Hampton Senior High School, the City of Bayswater and Main Roads in 2015.

The Working Group discussed and agreed on a plan of works to improve safety around the school. The agreed plan was distributed widely through the school community. Residents in Abbey Street, Paine Road and Emberson Road were also invited to comment on the plan.

Around **85 per cent of students** studying at Hampton Park Primary come from the eastern side of Tonkin Highway via a pedestrian underpass.

NorthLink WA will provide a vital, **state of the art transport link between Morley and Muchea**. It will reduce travel times and congestion, and provide significant productivity benefits to the economy, industry, motorists and local communities.

As a result, some of the works were completed by the City of Bayswater prior to the start of the 2016 school year, including:

- a roundabout at the intersection of Emberson Road and Paine Road
- a ‘Kiss and Drop’ facility at the school to improve traffic flow at drop off and pick up times
- additional on-street parking along Paine Road

Other agreed works in the plan include:

- a new, long underpass on the alignment of Hamersley Avenue linking to Abbey Street on the eastern side of Tonkin Highway with improved visibility to ensure student safety
- up to 20 parking bays along Abbey Street
A priority has been to provide safe pedestrian access to the school. New short term parking along Abbey Street and a new underpass will ensure children walking or cycling to school will not have to cross Tonkin Highway.

The new roundabout, along with reduced traffic congestion on Morley Drive as a result of NorthLink WA, will make car journeys to and from school safer and quicker. The additional short term parking and ‘Kiss and Drop’ area nearer the school provide better accessibility for those travelling to school by car.

**Safety during construction**

Contractor John Holland is building the NorthLink WA Guildford Road to Reid Highway section and started working on the detailed design of the underpass with the school in February 2016.

The construction site will be fenced to separate the works from the school, and John Holland will maintain a safe underpass crossing beneath Tonkin Highway at all times through the construction period.

**Continuing partnership**

We are grateful to everyone involved for working together in developing a safe solution for students and families, and thank the City of Bayswater for partnering with us to deliver these important works.

We look forward to continuing our great relationship with the school and the local community as work progresses.

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Tonkin Highway will be transformed to a freeway standard link offering greater road capacity to reduce congestion on local roads and improve journey times. Features include interchanges at the intersection of Tonkin Highway with both Collier Road and Morley Drive, and a flyover at Benara Road.

The new interchange at Morley Drive is the first of its kind in WA, and includes a roundabout at ground level on Morley Drive connecting with a raised Tonkin Highway.