At NorthLink WA northern section, the construction works are proceeding full steam ahead to get the final section of Tonkin Highway completed, from Maralla Road to Muchea.

Once the road is opened, there will be further finishing works continuing into 2020. The route for the new road has become clear to see, as have the roundabouts at the three major interchanges. Some traffic management will be required as the last sections of works are completed, these are outlined in this update.

Warbrook Road closed
The section of Warbrook Road that crossed Tonkin Highway was permanently closed on Friday October 18, 2019.

East-west access is now provided via the Stock Road West interchange. There will be a cul-de-sac at each end of Warbrook Road for turning vehicles. On and off-ramps tie into local roads on the east and west of the interchange. Finishing works will continue at the new Stock Road interchange into early 2020.

Traffic management
There are several areas where traffic changes will be required while remaining works are completed on the new alignment. The main areas to be aware of include:

- Muchea South Road - a road closure will be required for up to 12 days, with a detour via Great Northern Highway to complete the bridge.
- Great Northern Highway - single lane closures will be required near the new Road Train Assembly Area and at the Brand Highway traffic light intersection.
- Brand Highway Deviation – some single lane closures will be implemented at the tie-in for the new road deviation.
- Neaves and Davidson roads – single lane closures will be required east and west of the new bridge at Neaves Road. There will also be some temporary detours at Davidson Road while the new Davidson Road is finished.

As dates and times of these works become clear, further details will be provided to stakeholders.

The $1.02b NorthLink WA initiative is jointly funded by the Australian ($821 million) and Western Australian ($204 million) governments.
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How we are tracking
Final bridge beams have been installed at the Neaves Road footbridge.

All 181 beams have been installed on 13 bridges, including the Stock Road West underpass. Bridge works are now focused on pouring concrete decks.

Landscaping is proceeding at a great pace with more than 720,000 tube stocks to be planted and more than 200kg of seed. At the Brand Highway interchange in Muchea, 355 mature trees will be planted. All plants and seed used on the project have been sourced locally.

Night and weekend works
Some weekend and night works are planned between now and Christmas. The standard approved site working hours are Monday to Saturday from 7am to 7pm.

Night works will happen at the following locations:
- Warbrook Road, Bullsbrook
- Davidson Street, Bullsbrook
- Great Northern Highway, Muchea
- Road Train Assembly Area, Muchea

Sunday works will be likely on all sections of the alignment in November and December to ensure the new highway is open as soon as possible.

Any disruption will be kept to a minimum and detailed information will be provided to stakeholders who live close to the works.

Prime and seal
Road finishing and paving works, including seal and prime works, are continuing along the alignment with works under way in several sections from Maralla Road to Muchea. These works require a certain minimum temperature and a dry atmosphere in order to achieve the required quality controls.

Given that these works are weather dependent, we have to make the most of the fine weather in order to maintain necessary progress, including on weekends when fine weather is forecast.

The smell of primer can be quite strong, but usually dissipates within 24 hours. Priming is a necessary step for laying new seal, and we thank residents for their patience while these works are completed.

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