

NorthLink WA Fact Sheet

NEW TRAVEL PATTERNS BETWEEN MORLEY AND ELLENBROOK

NorthLink WA is set to change the way traffic moves in and around Perth's north east.

NorthLink WA will transform the existing Tonkin Highway to a freeway standard link with six lanes.

There will be new interchanges and flyovers creating a free-flowing environment and a safer, more efficient transport route.

What does this mean for local road users?

These changes will allow local road users to adjust their current travel patterns and choose routes that allow quicker, safer and more efficient journeys.

Removing traffic lights at some intersections and redirecting traffic from outlying suburbs to the main highway will ease congestion on local road networks, resulting in improved safety.

Some of the benefits the new freeway will bring include:

- A major freeway interchange with no traffic lights connecting Tonkin Highway and Reid Highway.
- Interchanges along Tonkin Highway at Collier Road, Morley Drive and Reid Highway allowing free-flowing north-south traffic.
- A new interchange at Hepburn Avenue taking regional traffic from the north-west onto Tonkin Highway rather than down Beechboro Road North, through the Morley residential area.

- A flyover at Benara Road over Tonkin Highway will quickly distribute east-west traffic.

Benara Road, Marshall Road and Beechboro Road North intersections are all too close to the new major freeway interchange to allow on/off ramps to the Tonkin and Reid Highways.

How will local communities benefit?

The new free-flowing link will dramatically improve traffic flow and cut travel times along Tonkin Highway from Ellenbrook all the way to Perth Airport.

Some road users currently take short cuts through the suburbs to avoid the congested Tonkin Highway.

Traffic from Ellenbrook, Ballajura and suburbs further north that currently use Beechboro Road North will be directed onto the freeway. When NorthLink WA is finished, it will have extra capacity to handle higher traffic volumes, leaving local roads less congested for local communities.

Will it be safe for cyclists and pedestrians?

Cyclists and pedestrians are well catered for with a new extra-wide shared path being built from Guildford Road to Ellenbrook.

Bike transport is significantly increasing across Australia, with more people

choosing to cycle instead of driving the car.

One of the widest shared paths in Perth, this new four-metre wide path will be a big attraction for cyclists and pedestrians.

Will NorthLink WA remove congestion completely?

NorthLink WA will take traffic off local roads and onto Tonkin Highway, leaving local roads for local journeys.

Without NorthLink WA, local roads would become busier, less safe and even more congested.

What does this mean?

Grade separation: when one road passes over or under the other road creating a separation between the two roads.

Interchange: a grade separation of two or more roads with one or more interconnecting carriageways.

Flyover: a bridge or structure allows a road to cross over another road.

Intersection: a junction where two or more roads meet on the same level.

Regional road: carries traffic between regional industrial, commercial and urban areas.

Local road: carries traffic belonging to or serving the area.



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Where there's only a flyover, how will I access the new highway?

Road users will need to find different ways to access the highway.

For example, if you normally access Tonkin Highway at Benara Road, you might go south on Beechboro Road North and on to Morley Drive instead (blue).

Or you may choose to travel up Beechboro Road North to the new interchange at Hepburn Avenue, if you want to head north (red).

Or you may continue along Benara Road and join Reid Highway at the new Malaga Drive intersection, if heading west (green).

These options might mean you need to travel a little further, but you will save time because there will be less congestion and no waiting at traffic lights.

Managing the change

Detours and slower speeds during construction may cause some frustration to locals; however, safety for all road users is Main Roads' paramount consideration.

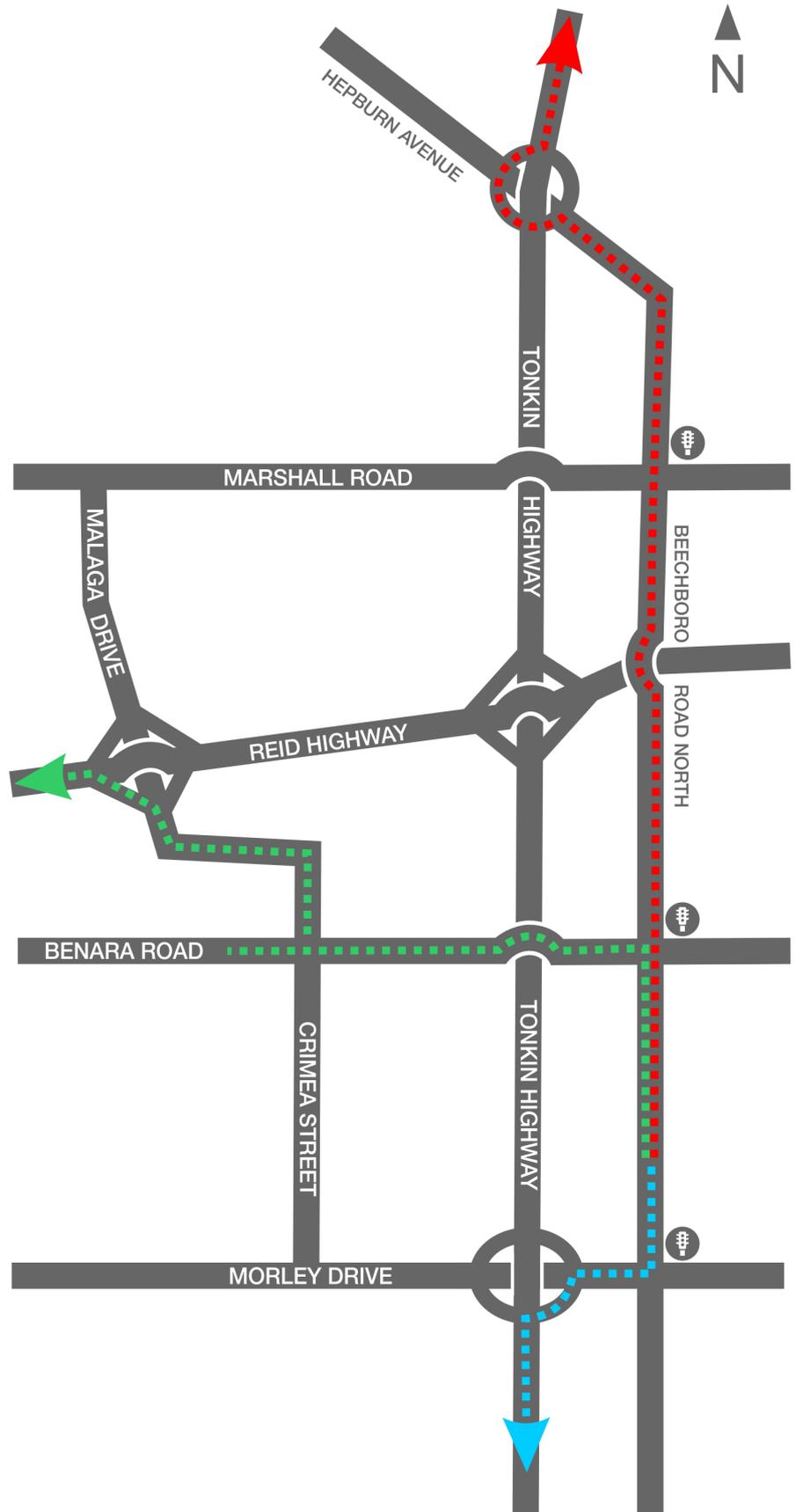
Any potential inconvenience brought about by extra travel distance on local roads should be balanced by time savings provided by free flowing traffic conditions on NorthLink WA.

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