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. The $1.02b NorthLink WA initiative is jointly funded by the Australian ($821m) and Western Australian ($204m) governments.

We’re over half way through winter, but the rain hasn’t stopped us from getting the job done. Winter is a great time to begin landscaping works; you’ll see tube stock being planted and seed being spread around the Reid Highway/Altone Road intersection.

All of the road bridges on this section are being worked on simultaneously and large stretches of asphalt are nearing completion. We’ve even started finishing works, such as kerbing and installing lights in some areas along the Tonkin Highway extension.

Upcoming road network changes

In the coming months, you’ll notice more road changes as we progress quickly to finish sections of work around the Reid and Tonkin Highways, as well as the Hepburn Avenue area. Please remember that the Tonkin and Reid Highways and Hepburn Avenue are active construction sites; pay careful attention and slow down when driving through these areas as the conditions may have changed since your last journey.

A temporary roundabout has replaced the signals at the Tonkin/Reid Highway intersection. Motorists are also travelling on the newly constructed bridges on Reid Highway, between Tonkin Highway and Beechboro Road North.

Visit [www.northlinkwa.com.au](http://www.northlinkwa.com.au) or the NorthLink WA community group on Facebook to find out the latest information.

Sign up for news about road changes and road works directly to your inbox at info@gncjv.com.au.

Construction progress

- The first two bridges in the Reid Highway/Tonkin Highway interchange have now opened to traffic, along with a temporary roundabout replacing the signalised intersection.
- Noise walls along property boundaries are almost complete, and construction of the noise wall at Ellenbrook is now underway.
- Asphalting is ongoing for the Tonkin Highway extension between Ballajura and Ellenbrook, as well as areas in the Tonkin/Reid Highway interchange area.
- All of the road bridges for NorthLink WA central section are now being worked on, with most of these having bridge beams installed.
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Tim Keely, Curtin University STEM Outreach Coordinator said the NorthLink WA central section site visit provided a great opportunity to show prospective engineering students a large scale design and construction project they could be involved in after University studies.

“The students were all blown away by the size and scope of the work. All the design, quality control, logistics and detail is often not appreciated until you get a chance to see it up close,” Tim said.

Engaging with our community

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First landscaping works

The Great Northern Connect staff assisted the landscaping team plant the first of more than two million plants across the central section.

We’ve been conducting seed collection for the past two years and will have another collection later this year to ensure we have the 800kg of seed that is required to complete landscaping works.

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