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 back into another Perth summer, and we’re about 70 per cent of the way through construction. Between now and mid-2019 you’ll see new sections of the project open to traffic.

**Upcoming road network changes**

In coming months, you’ll notice some significant road network changes as we progress towards the opening of NorthLink WA central section in mid-2019.

In January the temporary roundabout at Tonkin/Reid Highway intersection will be removed as new interchange ramps open to create WA’s first free flowing freeway to freeway interchange. Further ramps will open in March to complete the interchange. Next will be Tonkin Highway to Gnangara Road, followed by The Promenade. Driving conditions are constantly changing and you remain in an active construction site, so please pay careful attention and slow down when moving through the area and obey the signs.

We’ll soon be sending notifications to nearby residents, updating the website, posting in the NorthLink WA community group on Facebook and advertising important information which could affect your usual travel patterns.

**Construction progress**

- The new Marshall Road flyover opened to traffic in November.
- Works on all major interchanges are nearing completion, with plans well underway for upcoming changes in road layouts.
- The bridge beams for all 15 road bridges and WA’s first fauna bridge are installed with deck pours and finishing works continuing.
- Three new pedestrian footbridges have been installed over Tonkin Highway, Hepburn Avenue and Gnangara Road, with finishing works underway.
- Works have started on widening Reid Highway between Beechboro Road North and Altone Road.
- Noise wall acrylic panels have now been installed along Ballajura, Beechboro and Bennett Springs.
- Asphalting and pavement works are ongoing across the site and works on our principal shared paths and shared use paths are taking shape.

**Current expected schedule**

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*Painting works take shape at Hepburn Avenue interchange*

*Works progress on the bridge decks at the Hepburn Avenue interchange bridges in Ballajura*
Upcoming works

In coming months, there will be a lot of exciting activity as the central section works progressively open to traffic. Watch out for:

- Opening of Tonkin/Reid Highway interchange ramps and associated removal of the temporary roundabout.
- Bridge works at Gnangara Road, the Promenade, Hepburn Avenue, and Beechboro Road North.
- Asphalting across the entire project length.
- Safety barriers and wire rope barriers being installed.
- Respread of mulch continuing along the alignment.
- Painting of noise walls and bridge abutments continues.
- Opening of the Beechboro Road North flyover across Reid Highway and associated removal of the temporary roundabout.

The site was on show for our local community

In September, we took more than 250 people from our local communities on a tour through the NorthLink WA central section construction site.

The six groups enjoyed a close look at the construction site and learnt about how NorthLink WA central section is being built. Many community members told us they enjoyed seeing parts of NorthLink WA that are not visible from the current road network.

Vines resident David Karr, booked his ticket for the tour online. He said the site tours were well planned and gave visitors a real insight into the works happening onsite.

“The tour gave me an appreciation of all the works happening in tandem and the careful planning required to keep it all progressing towards completion,” David said. “You get a real sense of the job when you see it up close.”

Landscaping reaches the halfway point

Our landscaping team has been hard at work spreading mulch across the site before spreading of seed and planting of tube stock takes place during the winter of 2019. The landscaping for this project will involve more than two million seedlings and 750kg of seed, making it the largest ever landscaping requirements on a Main Roads WA project.

NorthLink WA central section construction site will shut down over the Christmas break from 5pm Friday 21 December to 7am Wednesday 2 January 2019.

If you need contact us during that time, please phone 1800 874 998.

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

Join us on Facebook. Search NorthLink WA Community Group, or head to www.facebook.com/groups/NorthLinkWA.

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