

PROJECT UPDATE

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Swan River Crossings

Fremantle Traffic Bridge



Fremantle Traffic Bridge to close 1 February 2026

The Fremantle Traffic Bridge will close on 1 February 2026 to enable completion of major works, including removal of the existing bridge, installation of the new bridge deck and construction of the new road.

The bridge will be closed for up to 12 months; however, the construction schedule will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and the program expedited where possible.

In October, the State Government announced its full suite of initiatives to reduce peak-hour vehicle usage and keep Stirling Highway moving during the closure period.

This package includes additional train and bus services, a free-travel zone along South Terrace between Douro Road and Fremantle Station, increased parking at Fremantle Station, free parking at Fremantle station for passengers using SmartRiders and additional transit officers.

The initiatives complement the previously announced road network changes and major investment in smart system technology to improve traffic management and flows. For more information on the measures released, click [here](#) to read the Factsheet or Frequently Asked Questions [here](#).

Importantly, Fremantle, North Fremantle and East Fremantle will be open for business, and we encourage our community to continue to support local businesses wherever possible.

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Install the *Live Traffic WA* app to stay informed of real-time traffic conditions during the bridge closure

To support drivers during the bridge closure, Main Roads has released a new mobile phone application (app). *Live Traffic WA* is based on the *Traffic ALT* app, which was successfully piloted during the full closure of the Armadale Train Line in 2023. *Live Traffic WA* (Android and IOS) provides real-time traffic updates and congestion alerts from Main Roads via your phone or car speakers, helping you plan and adjust your daily commute with the latest information.

Unlike navigation apps such as Google and Apple which are primarily used for wayfinding, *Live Traffic WA* runs quietly in the background, providing audible alerts during journeys about travel times, unusual congestion and other warnings. You do not need to specify your destination as part of your commute.

To learn more about the app, click [here](#) to view the Fact Sheet and [here](#) for the Frequently Asked Questions.

Upgrading Pedestrian and Cyclist Crossings

Work is currently underway to upgrade three major intersections with signals (countdown timers) to improve access and safety for pedestrians and cyclists prior to the bridge closure.

Stirling Highway and Marmion Street Intersection

- New timers at all four corners, benefiting locals and school children attending East Fremantle Primary and John Curtin College of the Arts.

Stirling Highway and Tydeman Road Intersection

- In the Christmas holidays, new timers will be installed (diagram below left).

Stirling Highway and Canning Highway Intersection

- In January 2026, new timers will be installed at all four corners and slip lanes; median islands will be widened to provide more space for users (diagram below right).



Figure 1: Pedestrian Countdown Timers at Marmion Street and Stirling Highway.



Figure 2: Upgraded pedestrian crossing at Tydeman Road and Stirling Highway.

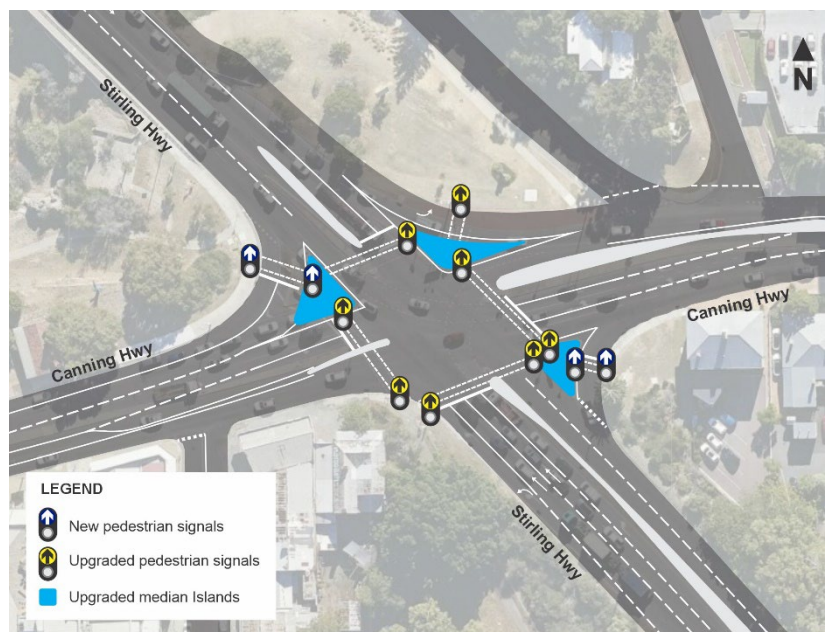


Figure 3: Upgraded pedestrian crossing at Canning Highway and Stirling Highway.

Common Community Questions

Why are Local Government paths in Fremantle not being upgraded to encourage walking and cycling?

Our scope is to replace the Fremantle Traffic Bridge and provide new and improved paths on both sides of the new bridge (up to four metres wide). We provide detour routes within the project constraints, and have also:

- Trimmed vegetation (bushes, shrubs and tree branches) that obstruct pathways.
- Removed signs that obscure visibility and space along paths.
- Provided a new path behind the bus stop near Canning Highway/ East Street intersection to improve sightlines and reduce conflicts.
- Provided detour route maps at various locations to support safe travel.
- Consulted with key stakeholders (including WestCycle and Local Governments) to explore potential improvements.

Why is the Principal Shared Path (PSP) extension to North Fremantle station not included in the project?

Extension of the Fremantle Railway Principal Shared Path (PSP) connecting to North Fremantle train station and across the Swan River to Fremantle was to be delivered as part of the previous Swan River Crossings scope. The PSP was to be constructed in conjunction with the rail bridge, as it was located mainly in the rail reserve. With the omission of the rail bridge in the current design, the PSP construction has now also been deferred.

The Department of Transport are continuing to expand the PSP network as a key action of the Western Australian Bicycle Network Plan 2014-2031 (WABN Plan). More information is available [here](#).

In 2026, how will emergency service vehicles and tow trucks access Stirling Bridge if there is an accident?

Incident response vehicles and tow trucks (contracted by Main Roads) will be stationed immediately north and south of Stirling Bridge to ensure quick access to, and clearance of, incidents.

If a breakdown occurs, a tow truck and/or Incident Response Service vehicle will be deployed to move the vehicle to a safe location free of charge. The vehicle owner can then arrange roadside assistance or towing services to take their vehicle to a preferred location. More information available [here](#).



Figure 4: Main Roads WA Incident Response.

When will the Canning Highway and Stirling Highway intersection change?

Temporary changes to the intersection will be made to prioritise north and south travel on Stirling Highway and are likely to be done in January 2026. More information will be provided in coming weeks.

Construction Update

Cable stay installation is underway across all four towers. The first cable stay installed was the smallest, measuring approximately 11 metres on each side. A total of 64 cable stays will be fitted to the bridge, with eight on each side of the four towers.

Significant changes to Fremantle's skyline are progressing with all four towers now at the ultimate height of 36 metres. Approximately 72 of the 166 edge beam segments have been installed. The four large cranes on the temporary jetties were reconfigured and are now significantly higher to reach over the towers to the middle of the river, and work on the new bridge's middle edge beams.



Figure 5: Completed southeast tower.

Community Pop Ups: December 2025 to January 2026

Why not come and meet our community engagement team to hear more about the project and ask questions about road network changes, closure plans and measures to help you consider alternative travel modes? We encourage people to visit us at various locations around Perth.

For exact locations, please view the project website [here](#) as additional dates may be added to the schedule in early 2026, subject to venue availability.

Site Office Christmas Closure

Our Tydeman Road site office will be closed from 22 December 2025 to 5 January 2026 and will be monitored by security services. A small team will work over the Christmas period from 7am to 2pm Monday to Saturday, excluding public holidays, to install segments.

Further Information

Click [here](#) to learn more about the Project or scan the QR code.

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