

Swan River Crossings



Transforming a key gateway to Fremantle

A new concept plan for the Swan River Crossings Project is set to transform a key gateway into Fremantle and create new connections for road, rail, river, and path users.

Importantly, community aspirations will be realised with the existing Canning Highway area in front of the heritage listed Naval Store becoming available to progress opportunities for heritage interpretation, placemaking, urban design, landscaping, and community connections. This will include

recognising the past, present, and future of Fremantle.

Shifting Canning Highway also allows for a future direct access into Victoria Quay.

Road network changes

Using community and stakeholder feedback, we have planned changes to the road network by:

- Removing the signalised intersection at Canning Highway and Queen Victoria Street.

- Realigning Canning Highway from East Street to travel down and under the new bridge before connecting to Beach Street.
- Prioritising journeys into Fremantle via Queen Victoria Street, providing a more direct, free-flowing journey into the harbour city.

Other features include:

- Pedestrians, cyclists, and people with disabilities will have new paths on both sides

of the new traffic bridge: a 4-metre-wide standard pedestrian and cyclist path on the western side and a 3-metre-wide shared path on the eastern side.

- Increased passenger and freight rail capacity.
- Higher and wider clearance under the bridge to improve navigational safety for river users.

What's happening?

Experienced local architects and urban designers are developing the architecture, urban and landscape design framework for the bridges and surrounds.

A key focus is the opportunity to enhance and activate the space in front of the Naval Store as part

of a detailed heritage interpretation strategy that aims to provide the best Aboriginal and European heritage outcomes.

Since April 2021 we have been investigating water, services, geotechnical conditions, and road pavements to help inform the design development.

Next steps include the commencement of detailed design as well as to prepare the area prior to construction.

Community Engagement

We will be engaging with the community in various ways as we progress.

This includes an online information session in coming weeks to share the design,

provide updates, and take questions.

Please register your interest to attend via email to hello@fremantlebridges.com.au

Further information

Frequently Asked Questions for this project and the new maps are available on the Main Roads website at

www.mainroads.wa.gov.au and search for Swan River Crossings.

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Opportunities for urban design and heritage interpretation

- A generous open space in front of the Naval Store to enhance opportunities to recognise heritage and community activation
- Opportunities for restorative natural landscapes
- Acknowledges and celebrates the rich cultural history of Walyalup and heritage values through urban design, architecture, artwork, placemaking and landscaping



Improves journeys and connectivity

- Canning Highway travelling under the new bridge improves the connection and traffic flow to and from Fremantle
- Bigger and wider paths on each side of the bridge for pedestrians and cyclists
- Separates freight and passenger rail lines to improve public transport and freight services



Increased safety for river users

- The new and higher traffic bridge will have less piers in the water providing improved navigational clearances for yachts, recreational boats and emergency services (for example Water Police vessels)
- Larger vessels can travel under the bridges enabling new tourism initiatives