

Swan River Crossings Project



Planning for the replacement of the Fremantle Traffic Bridge is progressing with early investigations underway and service relocations set to take place over the coming months.

Geotechnical Investigation Works

Geotechnical site investigations are progressing well and are expected to be complete in the coming weeks. More information on these works can be found [here](#).

Service Relocation Works

The Fremantle Traffic Bridge houses a range of services, including telecommunications, gas, and water which need to be removed from the deteriorating bridge and relocated under the river. Development Approval to undertake this work was granted in late 2022.

Service relocation of the telecommunication and water lines will be completed by a Horizontal Directional Drill, which drills under the riverbed to connect a pipeline to both sides of the river.

Once the pipeline is in place, the service lines are placed inside the pipe.

ATCO will disconnect gas services, remove them from the existing bridge and activate new connection points north and south of the river.

What you'll see in the area

Service relocation works are scheduled from March through to July 2024. The community will see activity and changes in the area both north and south of the traffic bridge during these works. This includes:

- Traffic changes on Beach Street, Queen Victoria Street, Tydeman Road, Podger Lane and Swan Street.
- Temporary bus stop relocation to the north of Swan Street on Queen Victoria Street.
- Removal of streetlights along a section of Beach Street and Queen Victoria Street. These will be replaced with temporary solar powered lighting towers.
- Carpark closures north of the traffic bridge.
- Temporary changes to pedestrian and cyclists' movements on Beach Street and Queen Victoria Street.
- Vegetation clearing both north and south of the Fremantle Traffic Bridge. Clearing will be limited exclusively to the area designated for service relocation works only.

Procurement of the drill rigs and associated items for these works is being finalised. More information will be provided to project subscribers, community members and stakeholders to ensure everyone is notified of upcoming changes in the area.

Development application for replacement of Fremantle Traffic Bridge

A development application was submitted to the Department of Planning, Lands, Heritage (DPLH) for the construction of the Fremantle Traffic Bridge Replacement Project in December 2023. The development application proposes to replace the Fremantle Traffic Bridge with a new bridge that includes four lanes for vehicle traffic, a principal shared path, pedestrian footpath and public realm improvements. This application is currently under assessment by DPLH. Further information is available [here](#).

Further information

To learn more about the Fremantle Traffic Bridge Replacement project, click [here](#).

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