



Swan River Crossings Project

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Have your say – Bridge Alignment

Following feedback from the community and other stakeholders during 2020, we have been investigating alternative alignment options for the new bridges. We are investigating four alignment options. Please turn over to review all four options and visit the project webpage to view the important key considerations for each option. Your feedback will be incorporated into the final consideration of options and help guide the final recommendation.

We have planned a comprehensive program of engagement activities to seek and collate stakeholder and community feedback. We will be out and about at various locations in

Fremantle, meeting people face-to-face as well as offering online webinar sessions. We have built an interactive tool, where you can see and learn about the alignment options, the key considerations for each, and then give us your feedback.

Future Opportunities for Engagement

Following the Options Assessment phase, we will be undertaking detailed design development work throughout 2021.

We want the community to be actively involved in heritage interpretation, the final design of the bridge, public amenity outcomes and

the connectivity of walking and cycling paths. Now is a good time for you to express your interest in participating in these engagement opportunities as we build a program of consultation, which will feed into the design program.

Visit the project webpage to view the alignment options and have your say:



www.mainroads.wa.gov.au
Search 'Swan River Crossings',
or scan the **QR code**.

Frequently asked questions

These are some of the most common questions about the project. Other FAQs can be found on the project website (www.mainroads.wa.gov.au).

What is the project all about?

The Swan River Crossings Project will replace the Fremantle Traffic Bridge (Queen Victoria Street) and increase passenger and freight rail capacity, efficiency and productivity. It is being designed to improve safety for road and river users, improve traffic flows and improve pedestrian and cyclist connections over the Swan River and to North Fremantle Station.

Why is Main Roads replacing the Fremantle Traffic Bridge?

The bridge was built in 1939 and was expected to last for 40 years. The structure has been deteriorating over several years and, despite extensive strengthening and maintenance work, it needs to be replaced. The bridge does not meet current design standards for road lanes and footpath widths. The navigational clearances under the bridge are the lowest and narrowest of all Swan River bridges up to the Causeway in East Perth. The biggest risk to the bridge in its current state is vessel impact and the piers between the road and rail bridge do not align, which increases the difficulty of skipping vessels between the structures.

Will the existing bridge be demolished?

The project team is investigating the opportunity to retain a portion of the existing bridge over the water. As the project progresses the team will continue to liaise with the Heritage Council, key stakeholders and the community to determine the future of any remnant structure.

Why can't you maintain the current traffic bridge?

Approximately \$23.5 million has been spent over the last five years to repair the bridge, including costly repairs in 2016 (these repair works focused on minimising the risk of vessels hitting the bridge and causing a collapse, until a replacement bridge was built).

Maintaining the bridge in its current sub-standard state costs around \$400,000 per year. This includes routine bridge inspections, monitoring and routine maintenance and does not include emergency strengthening or repairs.

Ongoing maintenance will not extend the life of the deteriorating timber. Restoring the timber like-for-like will not meet current bridge design standards and durability requirements.

What stage is the project at now (May 2021)?

Following community feedback received last year on the proposed alignment presented by Main Roads, there was a direct request from the WA Transport Minister to assess options for the alignment of the new bridge. We are now seeking community feedback on the alignment options we have looked at.

How will my feedback be considered as part of the alignment options process?

Your feedback will be incorporated into the final consideration of options and help guide the final recommendation.

How can I have my say on the alignment options?

The project team is out and about in Fremantle seeking community and stakeholder input into the Options Assessment. You can come and meet the team at one of our public events or participate in one of our online webinars. Find out more by visiting our project webpage and searching for Swan River Crossings. You can also visit our interactive platform, where you can find out information about the alignments and submit your feedback online.

How can I have input into design, heritage, place making and/or connectivity?

After the Alignment Options Assessment, we will be undertaking design development work throughout 2021. We will be actively seeking stakeholder and community involvement into heritage interpretation, bridge aesthetics, public amenity outcomes and the connectivity of pedestrian and cycling paths.

If these, or any other aspects, are of interest to you, please register your interest on the feedback form in our interactive platform to be involved in these future consultations.

Further Information

For further information and to subscribe to project updates, please visit www.mainroads.wa.gov.au and search 'Swan River Crossings' or contact 138 138.