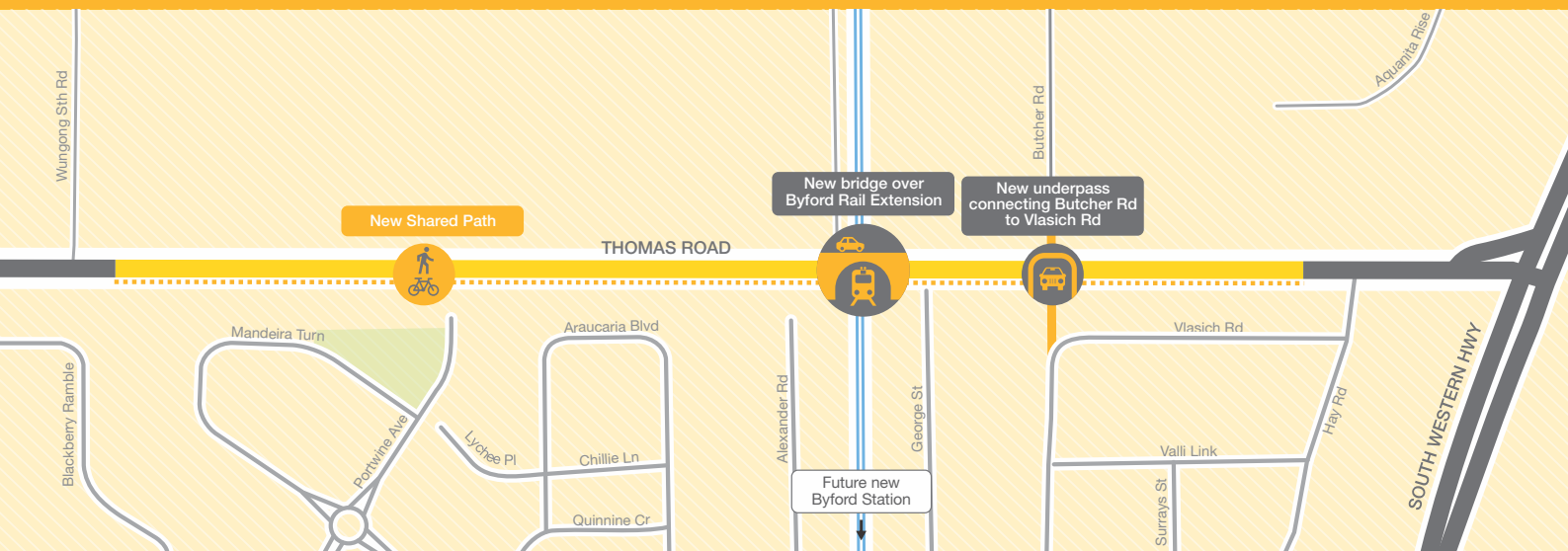


Byford Rail Extension -Thomas Road over Rail

Construction of a new bridge on Thomas Road, Byford over the existing rail corridor will begin in late 2020. It will be the first level crossing between Armadale and Byford to be reconfigured to accommodate the Byford Rail Extension project. The project will also significantly reduce congestion at the eastern end of Thomas Road and improve safety by modifying access points on local roads.



Project features

The Byford Rail Extension - Thomas Road over Rail includes:



A new bridge with Thomas Road elevated to pass over the rail corridor with two lanes in each direction. The bridge will be constructed slightly to the north of the existing Thomas Road alignment, between South Western Highway and Wungong South Road.



Modifications to local roads, with Butcher Road connected to Vlasich Road via a new underpass.



Noise walls.



Landscaping and revegetation.



A shared path on the bridge for cyclists and walkers.

What is the current status?

Development work is underway to confirm the scope and progress the various approvals to allow for bridge construction. Current activity includes:

- Geotechnical and site investigations, traffic and noise modelling and environmental assessments to inform environmental approval processes.

- Stakeholder consultation to identify issues and constraints that may impact the project and local road connections. In the coming months, further engagement will take place with landowners and local residents.

These activities will inform a final concept design and delivery schedule. Initial construction activities are anticipated to begin by the end of 2020.

Frequently Asked Questions



Why does the level crossing at Thomas Road need to be removed?

The Thomas Road rail crossing will be the first level crossing between Armadale and Byford to be reconfigured to accommodate the [METRONET Byford Rail Extension project](#).

Why did you choose to elevate the road rather than the rail?

A road over rail solution offers better value when compared to putting rail over road. Other benefits include time for construction works is minimised and allows the Australind rail service to continue during construction.

Is vegetation clearing required?

Clearing of primarily non-native vegetation will be required for the bridge and associated works, particularly on the northern side of Thomas Road. Through careful design development, we will seek to minimise the extent of the clearing.

Will access between Thomas Road, Butcher Road and South Western Highway change?

The existing access between Butcher Road and Thomas Road will be removed to accommodate the new bridge. Butcher Road will be connected to Vlasich Road via a new underpass.

How high will the bridge be?

The bridge will be approximately nine metres above the rail line, with noise walls to be installed on top of the bridge deck.

Will the remaining section of Thomas Road, from the west of the bridge to Tonkin Highway become a dual carriageway?

Main Roads is looking at the ultimate design for Thomas Road, however there are no immediate plans or associated funding to duplicate Thomas Road in its entirety between South Western Highway and Tonkin Highway.

How will the project affect the amenity of local residents during construction?

Residents will be impacted through construction noise and vibrations, traffic management changes and possible detours. All construction activity will be communicated in advance of works taking place. Make sure you visit the Main Roads website and subscribe for project updates.

Will Thomas Road need to close during construction?

We are currently investigating possible closures of part of Thomas Road and the suitability of corresponding detours. Further information will be shared with the community in the coming months.



The Thomas Road Bridge project is one of a number of projects being delivered by Main Roads in the local area. For more information, visit the Main Roads website at

www.mainroads.wa.gov.au

and search for the Tonkin Highway Extension - Thomas Road to South Western Highway project and the Thomas Road Safety Improvement project

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