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Tonkin Gap Project and Associated Works

Construction Update

This update contains important information about upcoming works near you. Works below are anticipated in October but are subject to change. Some works will need to be undertaken at night and on Sundays. Please drive carefully and observe the road signage. There is potential for longer than usual travel times and we encourage road users to plan ahead. Up-to-date information will be available through the Main Roads website and our Tonkin Gap Facebook page. If you have any concerns during the works, please call 138 138 (24 hours).

Upcoming disruptions on Tonkin Highway

It's what we've all been waiting for, but as we near completion, there will be disruption to normal traffic in the next few months. This will include closing Tonkin Highway southbound lanes between Morley Drive and Collier Road, entry and exit ramps at Guildford Road and Great Eastern Highway, and restrictions at Hepburn Avenue. This is so we can lay open graded asphalt - the final layer of the pavement. Tonkin Highway southbound will be closed in late-November between Reid Highway and Morley Drive when METRONET Morley-Ellenbrook Line contractors install the pedestrian overpass that will connect the Noranda station car park to the platform. We appreciate your continued patience during these disruptions, and we'll provide more information, including detour maps and specific dates, in the November Construction update, on the Tonkin Gap Facebook page and on the Main Roads website.

Hepburn Avenue closed between Bellefin Drive and Tonkin Highway - 27 to 30 October

From 9pm Friday 27 October to 4am Monday 30 October, we will be closing Hepburn Avenue between Bellefin Drive and Tonkin Highway. Tonkin Highway will remain open, however southbound traffic will be diverted via the Hepburn Avenue on and off ramps. This is so we can complete open grade asphalt and profiling works. Stay up to date on the Tonkin Gap Facebook page and website for detour information.

Tonkin Highway southbound closed between Morley Drive and Collier Road - 3 to 6 November

To be able to complete the open grade asphalt between Morley Drive and Collier Road, we will be closing all lanes on Tonkin Highway southbound between Morley Drive and Collier Road, from 9pm Friday 3 November to 4am Monday 6 November. We strongly advise that people plan ahead, allow for extra travel time and use the pre-capture detour at Reid Highway to avoid heavy congestion. There will be no impacts to Tonkin Highway northbound during this weekend. Detour maps and details will be available on the Main Roads website and Tonkin Gap Facebook Page closer to the date.



Tonkin Highway - Morley Drive to Collier Road

Great Eastern Highway nightly westbound closures

We are installing a new directional sign over Great Eastern Highway between Boulder Avenue and Tonkin Highway. To do this work, we plan to close all Great Eastern Highway westbound lanes between Boulder Avenue and Tonkin Highway for four consecutive nights, Monday 9 October to Thursday 12 October from 10pm to 5am. We encourage everyone to plan ahead and allow extra travel time during these nights.

Great Eastern Highway works and northbound ramp to be re-activated

In October, we will continue to upgrade traffic lanes with asphalt on Great Eastern Highway between Central Avenue and Moreing Street. In mid-October we plan to reinstate the northbound on-ramp for motorists travelling east on Great Eastern Highway. Westbound traffic accessing Tonkin Highway northbound will continue using the permanent loop ramp. There will be intermittent night and weekend works including asphaltting, services and traffic signal works, water blasting and traffic barrier realignments while we build the permanent lanes. You may notice noise and vibrations if you are located nearby.

Redcliffe Bridge community space

We have started works under Redcliffe Bridge for the revamped community space. The team has started construction of the pump track and mountain bike skills area, and this will continue throughout October. You can find out more information and view the design by visiting the Tonkin Gap page on the Main Roads website.

Redcliffe Bridge shared path closure and detour

As a part of our underbridge activation works, we are rebuilding the path on the southern side of the river that runs from east to west. We may need to close the existing path as we work in this space. In that case, path users crossing under the bridge will be detoured. Keep an eye on our website for specific dates and scan the QR code to see the detour map.



PSP from Great Eastern Highway underpass to Redcliffe Bridge

The upgraded principal shared path (PSP) that connects Great Eastern Highway underpass and Redcliffe Bridge is now expected to open in mid-October. This will happen ahead of the closure of the path under the bridge on the southern side of the river. Keep an eye on our project website for dates and an updated PSP project map.

Tonkin Highway between Collier Road and Great Eastern Highway

During October traffic shifts will continue on Tonkin Highway between Collier Road and Great Eastern Highway so we can keep building the new Tonkin Highway lanes. We also need to complete concrete works in the median islands, asphaltting and service works on Tonkin Highway at night. There will be lane and ramp closures at night during these works.

Guildford Road and bridge works

We recently realigned Guildford Road to allow for traffic barrier construction, resurfacing and line marking on the westbound carriageway. There will be asphaltting works on Guildford Road this month as well as sign installation on the Guildford bridges and barrier works.

Asphaltting, water blasting, and barrier works to continue

Asphaltting, water blasting, and barrier works will continue at night and on weekends at various locations across the project. While asphaltting, there may be noise, vibrations and you may notice a diesel-like smell when we apply the prime which is the initial treatment layer. Locations where this is happening at night and on weekends include:

- Tonkin Highway in both directions between Dunreath Drive and Collier Road
- Great Eastern Highway in both directions between Lyall Street and Boulder Avenue
- Guildford Road
- Broun Avenue / Embleton intersection

Loop cutting works

During October, we will be intermittently completing loop cutting works at night on: Railway Parade, Tonkin Highway between Dunstone Road and Great Eastern Highway; Great Eastern Highway; and near Dunstone Road so we can install services under the asphalt. There will be noise during these works, including the use of an asphalt saw. We understand that noisy work can be disruptive, and we apologise for the inconvenience. If you have any concerns during any noisy works, call 138 138 (24 hours).

METRONET Morley-Ellenbrook Line

Morley Station

Multi-storey carpark

The first suspended slab for the METRONET Morley Station multi-storey carpark started in September with several concrete pours to complete the first level. In October the vertical columns will be extended to the second level. There may be some noise and vibration as we conduct early morning pours from 4am.

There will also be some clearing required this month for earthworks and drainage for the multi-storey car park. The area is adjacent to the Bayswater skate park and along Wotton Street.



Morley station multi-storey carpark

Broun Avenue / Doyle Street intersection

Last month we installed the traffic light poles at the intersection, however, these will remain inactive until the METRONET Morley Station is finished. There will continue to be services works at this location during the month.

Broun Avenue / Embleton Avenue intersection

In October we will start underground services works including directional drilling and trenching for traffic signals, and early works for Western Power including connections to impacted properties and clearing.

Cherry Court and PSP between Mickleham Road and Beechboro Road North

Works on Cherry Court are now complete with some minor remediation and landscaping to go. The PSP between Mickleham Road and Beechboro Road North has re-opened after road widening for the station was completed. Thank you for your patience while we have been working in this area. MELconnx will continue works for the Morley Station. If you would like to stay up to date on this, please sign up for updates at <https://www.metronet.wa.gov.au/>.

Noranda Station

Carpark

We have now installed 1210 units out of 1329 storm trap units for the METRONET Noranda Station car park and we plan to install the remainder this month. The team has completed the column for the pedestrian walkway which will connect the station platform to the carpark. MELconnx will continue works for the station car park. If you would like to stay up to date on this, please sign up for updates at <https://www.metronet.wa.gov.au/>

Benara Road underpass and roadworks

In September we completed the wingwalls and backfilling of soil for the underpass. This means we can now rebuild the Benara Road westbound carriageway. Traffic signals will also start to be installed at the entrance to the car park, however, these will remain inactive until the METRONET Noranda Station is operational. Davis Court PSP will remain closed, with the detour via Shadwell Way and Adler Place while we finish the path upgrade this month.

Malaga footbridge

Earthworks are well underway, and you will start to see the concrete footings and abutments for the footbridge be poured. You may have also noticed that the noise walls in the area have had an opaque overlay added onto the clear acrylic panels that top the noise wall. This is to help prevent birds flying into the clear panels in certain light

conditions. A reminder that during these works we have closed the PSP between Premier Place, Ballajura and Marshall Road until late 2023. Path users will be detoured via Premier Place, Hamelin Drive and Guadalupe Drive.

Speed limit through project area

Please don't forget that the speed limit through our work area along Tonkin Highway is 80 km/h. This is in place to provide a safer driving environment for road users with reduced lane widths and to allow construction workers and vehicles to enter and exit the highway safely. Statistics show that there has been an increase in speeding along Tonkin Highway. Drivers are encouraged to pay attention to what's happening on the road and not get distracted.

Revegetation across the project

Revegetation works have been ongoing during winter and will continue in some areas this month. Did you know that across the project we will revegetate more than 291,000 square metres which is the equivalent of more than 40 soccer pitches? A mix of native plant species have been selected and these will help provide shade, protection, and habitat for native animals, provide visual screening for residents, prevent soil erosion and improve the overall attractiveness of the area.



Revegetation works

Out of hours works this month

In October our crews will be working at night (7pm until 7am) and on some weekends in our project area and along Tonkin Highway between Dunreath Drive and Hepburn Avenue. A summary of the works is below.

- Tonkin Highway between Collier Road and Dunreath Drive
 - Asphaltting, line marking, water blasting and barrier works
- Great Eastern Highway between Boulder Avenue and Moreing Street
 - Asphaltting, loop cutting, signal works, water blasting and barrier relocation
- Guildford Road
 - Asphaltting, barrier works and signage installation
- Morley Station carpark
 - Early concrete pours
- Broun Avenue/ Embleton Avenue intersection
 - Traffic signal and services works
- Broun Avenue/ Doyle Street intersection
 - Traffic signal and services works

What can I expect?

- Our work activity and vehicle movements may be noticeable across all areas. Noise and vibration management measures are in place, including use of the quietest equipment reasonably available.
- High noise level equipment will be located away from residential areas, and noisiest activities scheduled to take place earlier in the night. Work will be in accordance with a noise management plan approved by your local government authority. If you have concerns, please call 138 138 (24 hours).

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