

December 2023



# Tonkin Gap Project and Associated Works Construction Update

**This update contains important information about upcoming works near you. Works below are anticipated in December 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).**

## Tonkin Highway lanes on track to open in late-December

In 2021 we started construction on the Tonkin Gap Project and Associated Works and this month you will start to see it all come together with lanes on Tonkin Highway between Collier Road and Dunreath Drive planned to open to full capacity later this month. The 80km/h will remain until early-2024 as we apply the remainder of open grade asphalt and complete finishing works. Once all finishing works are complete the speed will be increased back to 100km/h. As works will continue for METRONET Morley-Ellenbrook Line the 80km/h will remain in place on Tonkin Highway between Collier Road and Hepburn Avenue until mid-2024.

## Great Eastern Highway to be reinstated to full capacity

It's been busy on Great Eastern Highway with various traffic realignments, lane reductions and changes to how you enter and exit Tonkin Highway. Later this month we plan to open all lanes on Great Eastern Highway, reinstate the right turn from Tonkin Highway northbound to Great Eastern Highway and rebuild and reinstate the U-turn near Ascot Apartments to head back towards Perth City. We will continue verge and finishing works into the new year. Thank you for your patience and understanding while we complete these works.

## Principal Shared Path to open this month and feature heritage trail

Later this month the Principal Shared Path (PSP) adjacent to Tonkin Highway northbound between Stanton Road and Collier Road will open. In consultation with Traditional Owners we are installing a heritage trail along the new PSP so please make sure you stop and read the signs. There is also Aboriginal artwork in three underpasses at Great Eastern Highway and Guildford Road. Look out for opening dates on our Tonkin Gap Facebook Page. There may be minor finishing works into the new year; however, this work will be completed under traffic management as required.

## Works almost finished under Redcliffe Bridge in Belmont

Thank you for your patience while we have been completing the underbridge activation works on the southern side of the river, including rebuilding the path that runs from east to west, building an interpretative node with seating and upgrading the beach area. We plan to have these works complete and the path re-opened under the bridge in early December.

## New community space under Redcliffe Bridge to open in the new year

We are excited to share the newly activated space under the Redcliffe Bridge on the northern side that, when finished, will feature a pump track, mountain bike skills area, seating, beach area, yarning circle and Aboriginal

artwork. This area will be managed by the City of Bayswater and opened in the new year. Stay tuned for opening dates in the next construction update and on the Tonkin Gap Facebook page.

## Dunstone Road footpath and road closure

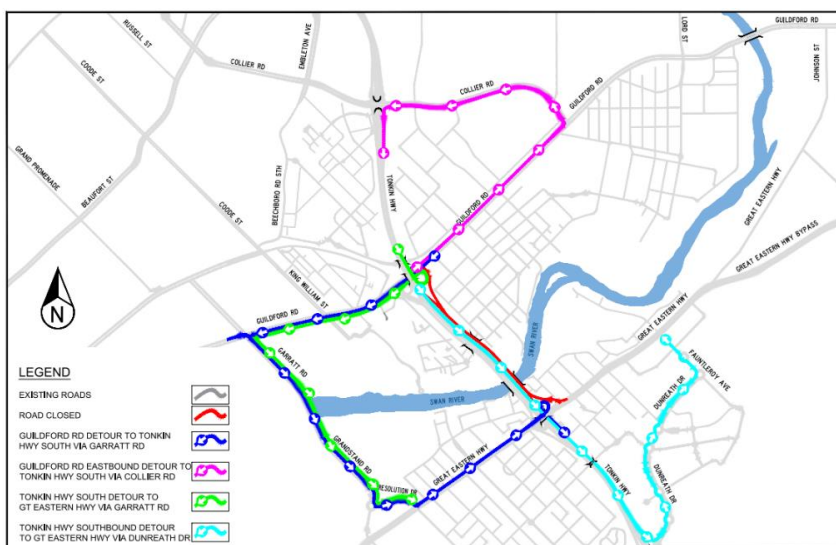
Pending approval, in early December for a few days, Dunstone Road westbound will be closed to traffic and the footpath will be diverted onto the road. This will allow the replacement of sections of the footpath. A detour map and dates will be communicated via the Tonkin Gap Facebook page and on the Tonkin Gap project page on the Main Roads website.

## Upcoming disruptions on Tonkin Highway

Thanks for your patience while we closed sections of Tonkin Highway last month to complete the open grade asphalt - final layer of pavement - southbound from Reid Highway to Collier Road. There will be further disruptions during December. We appreciate your continued understanding during these works.

### Tonkin Highway southbound between Guildford Road and Great Eastern Highway - 1 to 4 December

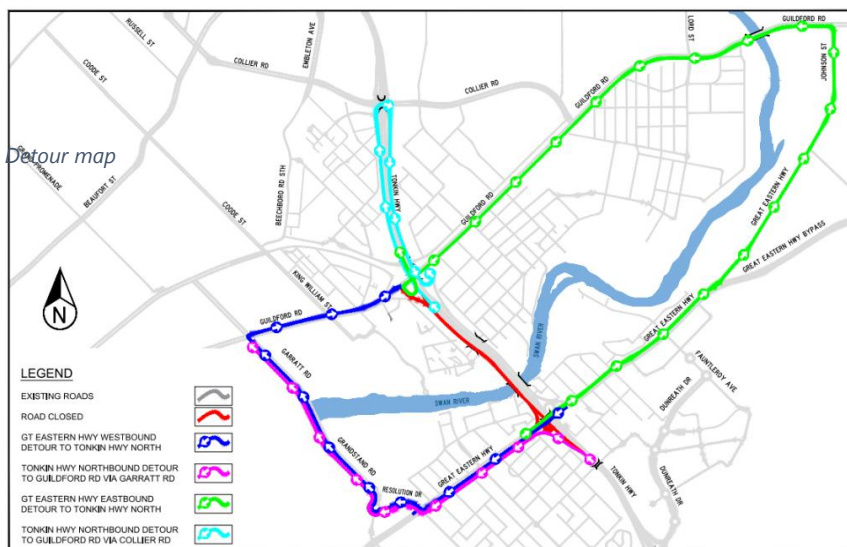
Tonkin Highway southbound collector-distributor (CD) lane and ramps to Great Eastern Highway and from Guildford Road will be closed from 8pm Friday 1 December to 3am Monday 4 December. This closure will allow us to complete the final layer of asphalt. During this weekend, you will not be able to enter Tonkin Highway southbound from Guildford Road or exit onto Great Eastern Highway. Southbound traffic on the main Tonkin Highway carriageway will not be impacted.



Detour map

### Tonkin Highway northbound between Great Eastern Highway and Guildford Road - 8 to 11 December

Tonkin Highway northbound collector-distributor (CD) lane and ramps to Guildford Road and from Great Eastern Highway will be closed from 9pm Friday 8 December to 4am Monday 11 December. We may continue works on the weekend of 15 to 18 December if required. This is so we can apply the final layer of asphalt on the northbound CD lane. During this weekend, you will not be able to enter Tonkin Highway northbound from Great Eastern Highway or exit onto Guildford Road. Northbound traffic on the main Tonkin Highway carriageway will not be impacted. We expect there will be traffic delays for the above works so if you are travelling in the area, please plan ahead and account for extra travel time. Works will be 24/7 and there will be some noise and vibrations. We apologise for any inconvenience. Detour maps are available on the Tonkin Gap page of the Main Roads website.



Detour map

## Asphalt works a key focus across the project

In December, we will continue applying the final layer of asphalt at various locations across the project including on the new Principal Shared Path, Tonkin Highway between Collier Road and Dunreath Drive, Guildford Road between Tonkin Highway ramps and Great Eastern Highway between Central Avenue and Moreing Street. There will be further traffic realignments and intermittent night and weekend works as we prepare to open all lanes on Tonkin Highway in late-December 2023. Please note there may be short periods of time where sections of road won't have permanent lines applied after we complete asphalt works. Temporary measures will be in place to keep motorists in their lanes. Please drive to the road conditions and follow the speed limit.

## Great Eastern Highway night works

Great Eastern Highway westbound will be closed each night between Moreing Street and Boulder Avenue from 10pm to 5am on 6 and 7 December. This is so the team can realign traffic on Great Eastern Highway and complete line marking, electrical and signal works. Later this month directional signs will be fixed on the two overhead gantries on Great Eastern Highway between Lyall Street and Boulder Avenue. To fix gantry signs in front of the Ascot Apartments there will be lane and ramp closures on Great Eastern Highway eastbound for two consecutive nights. For the gantry on Great Eastern Highway westbound just before Tonkin Highway, we'll close all westbound lanes between Boulder Avenue and Tonkin Highway for another two consecutive nights. These works will be on separate nights and detour maps and dates will be communicated via the Tonkin Gap Facebook page and on the Tonkin Gap project page on the Main Roads website.

## Guildford Road resurfacing works

Guildford Road will be resurfaced in mid-December with permanent line marking to follow. These works will be completed at night as there are lane and ramp closures required. Minor finishing works will continue in the new year.

## Loop cutting works for services under asphalt

During December, we will continue loop cutting works at night on Tonkin Highway between Collier Road and Dunreath Drive and on Great Eastern Highway between Central Avenue and Moreing Street. Due to sub-contractor availability and resourcing, these works will continue into January. 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.

## Western Power works to continue into 2024

From 2 January, Western Power will be working at various locations across the project to complete works on traffic signals, streetlighting and cable lowering. We anticipate these works will be finished in early-2024. An update will be provided next year.

## Shared path between Cherry Court and Beechboro Road North

To complete minor drainage works, we plan to close the path from Cherry Court to Beechboro Road North adjacent to Tonkin Highway from 7 to 15 December (subject to change). There will be a detour in place via Cherry Court, Beechboro Road N and Babington Crescent. Detour map and dates will be communicated via the Tonkin Gap Facebook page and on the Tonkin Gap project page on the Main Roads website.

## METRONET Morley-Ellenbrook Line

### Morley Station

#### Multi-storey carpark

Second-floor suspended slabs for the METRONET Morley Station multi-storey carpark are well underway with the third-floor suspended slabs and columns starting this month. There may be some noise as we conduct weekly early morning concrete pours from 4am. Construction of the underground drainage structure, adjacent to the City of Bayswater skate park, was complete in November. Works have now started on a retaining wall which extends around the perimeter of the existing drainage basin.

### Wotton Street/Embleton Avenue intersection

Wotton Street / Embleton Avenue intersection works have started with the construction of a new turning pocket, demolition of kerbing and roadworks. We are also building a footpath adjacent to Wotton Reserve which will connect to the new multi-storey car park. During these works, there may be some noise and vibrations.

### Broun Avenue / Embleton Avenue intersection

This month we will upgrade the signals at the intersection. In January, Western Power will continue works and we will rebuild the lanes to prepare for the reinstatement of the turning pockets, finish verge works and finalise permanent line marking in early-2024. Keep an eye out in the next construction update for further information on works in this area.

### Noranda Station

We have finished building the structure for the Benara Road pedestrian underpass and installing underground drainage at the future carpark. Both areas are now ready for the next stage of works by METRONET Morley-Ellebrook Line. We have also re-opened the paths at Davis Court and over Benara Road on the southern side. Tonkin Gap Alliance is no longer working in this area. If you have any enquiries about the ongoing works or would like to stay up to date on what's happening with METRONET Morley-Ellebrook Line works, please sign up for updates at <https://www.metronet.wa.gov.au/> or join the METRONET Morley-Ellebrook Line Community Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/morley.ellenbrook>.

### Malaga footbridge

Works continue with concrete pours for the abutments, mechanically stabilised earth (MSE) retaining wall installation and works for the approach ramps. The principal shared path (PSP) will now remain closed between Premier Place, Ballajura and Marshall Road until early-2024.

### Taking a construction break during the holidays

We understand December is a special time for many and we will be pausing construction from 5pm 21 December to 7am 2 January for a holiday break. During the break the Main Roads Customer Information Centre will still be available for urgent enquiries – 138 138.

### Out of hours works continue through December

There will be asphaltting, water blasting, traffic realignments and barrier works at night and on weekends at various locations across the project. Ramp closures will be required for some of these works. Check the Tonkin Gap Facebook page and Tonkin Gap Project page on the Main Roads WA website for specific details on the above works. Locations include:

- Tonkin Highway between Guildford Road and Great Eastern Highway
- Great Eastern Highway in both directions between Central Avenue and Moreing Street
- Tonkin Highway southbound between Collier Road and Dunreath Drive
- Guildford Road between Tonkin Highway ramps
- Broun Avenue / Embleton intersection

### 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).

### For more information on Tonkin Gap

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