

Tonkin Highway Corridor Roe Highway to Kelvin Road

The \$366 million Tonkin Highway Corridor project is jointly funded by the Australian (\$293 million) and State (\$73 million) Governments. It is part of the broader Tonkin Highway transformation strategy which also includes Tonkin Gap and Tonkin Highway Extension.

The project will widen Tonkin Highway south of Roe Highway to Kelvin Road from four to six lanes, and upgrade the intersections at Hale Road, Welshpool Road and Kelvin Road to improve safety and reduce delays along the heavily congested section of Tonkin Highway. Planning and development work is continuing throughout 2022.

Early works at Hale Road

To accommodate the new interchange at Hale Road, works will commence shortly on service relocations within the road reserve.

Main Roads has been working with Western Power, other service providers (Water Corporation, AGIG, ATCO, Telstra, NBN), Public Transport Authority and Local Government to coordinate a relocation design that mitigates impacts to current and future planned services and development (e.g., local structure plan "Wattle Grove Cell 9", Bus Routes etc.)

The first activity on site is scheduled for late 2022 and will involve undergrounding the current overhead power on Hale Road through the Tonkin Highway interchange extents.

This section of Tonkin Highway is a designated High Wide Load (HWL) route and is required to accommodate vehicle loads that can reach heights of 10m above the new highway level.

The route also links to Brand Highway and Great Northern Highway to the North, Forrest Highway to the South and Great Eastern Highway to the East. It is therefore vital in supporting the State's economy.

Hale Road at Tonkin Highway currently:



Services will be undergrounded to allow for the future Tonkin Highway and Hale Road interchange:



To relocate the services, Western Power will perform horizontal drill shots beneath the existing Tonkin Highway. Horizontal drilling will minimise disruptions to traffic but require excavations near the road for "launch pits". Following this, ATCO and Telstra services will also be relocated before the highway works can commence in full.

Further information

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