



Tonkin Highway Extension and Thomas Road Upgrade



Visualisation of South West Highway and Jarrahdale Road roundabouts are based on design drawings, which are subject to change.

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Over the coming months, you may notice a significant increase in activity across the Tonkin Highway Extension and Thomas Road Upgrade project area, as we transition from early investigations to major works.

We're now preparing key areas of the corridor for bulk earthworks and road construction, including establishing access tracks, clearing activities, and setting up haulage routes to minimise our disruptions on local roads as much as possible.

We are laying the groundwork for big milestones ahead that are essential to delivering improved transport connections and safety upgrades that the community has been waiting for.

What's happening now?

Current activities across the project area include:

- Geotechnical investigations, surveying and service locating, all of which are helping to inform the final design and are almost complete.
- Ground preparation works are also underway, with our work crews starting to establish site offices, constructing access tracks and installing fencing across the project area.

From late July and continuing for the next few months, ground preparation works, including vegetation clearing, will start along the southern side of Thomas Road, in the median of Tonkin Highway between Rowley Road and Thomas Road and then progress down the future alignment.

All clearing will be undertaken under strict environmental approvals, with a strong focus on minimising impacts and protecting surrounding areas.

The ground preparation works will allow the team to start building the access tracks into site to enable the commencement of major construction.

During topsoil stripping works and mulching there may be some dust. Dust management measures will be in place at all times to limit impacts to nearby properties.

These works are critical to keeping the project on track and will support the delivery of safer, more efficient transport links for communities in Perth's growing south-east.

Tonkin Highway and Thomas Road works

As part of the Project, Thomas Road is being upgraded between Kargotich Road and Alexander Road. The project also includes the construction of a new grade-separated interchange at the intersection of Thomas Road and Tonkin Highway.

To facilitate these upgrades, Tonkin Highway between Thomas Road and Rowley Road will be temporarily realigned, which will allow for the widening works to be undertaken to construct temporary southbound lanes.

In addition, a temporary diversion road will start to be built along Thomas Road (west of Tonkin Highway to Kardan Boulevard) from late-August. This will involve:

- Earthworks and ground compaction.
- Pavement construction.
- Enabling Western Power relocations.
- Starting works on the future bridge and road upgrades.

Nearby residents may notice occasional vibrations from machinery.

How we're managing vegetation clearing

We understand vegetation clearing is often a concern, and we want to reassure the community that it is being managed with care. All clearing will be undertaken in accordance with strict environmental approvals.

We've also developed an [Environmental Management Fact Sheet](#), which outlines how we have worked to preserve as much native vegetation as reasonably possible.

Revegetation will take place later in the project, and we will share our plans with the community once they are finalised.

Reducing local road impacts

We heard the community loud and clear, and to minimise the number of construction vehicles on local roads, we'll be building a dedicated haulage track along the future Tonkin Highway alignment. This temporary track will allow materials to be transported along the corridor with the aim to minimise disruption to the surrounding suburbs as much as possible.

Bulk earthworks for the haulage track will begin in late August, starting from Abernethy Road south and progressing to Bishop Road north along the future alignment. Some noise and vibration may be experienced during these works.

Community Information Sessions

We'd like to thank everyone who joined us at recent engagement events, including the **SJ Farmers Market** and our **Community Information Session**, where we connected with more than 240 local residents and stakeholders.

In addition, our team recently attended the **Serpentine Jarrahdale Career & Enterprise Expo** at Byford Secondary College. Across two days, we engaged with over 1,800 attendees, including students, parents, job seekers, and community members, promoting project awareness, job opportunities, and local career pathways.

Your valuable feedback and the insightful conversations were greatly appreciated. Further sessions will be scheduled in the coming months.

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