Wanneroo Road and Ocean Reef Road Interchange

Work is progressing well on the Wanneroo Road and Ocean Reef Road Interchange, with traffic now moved onto a temporary alignment to maintain traffic flows and enable the safe and efficient construction of the new interchange.

Temporary alignment
A temporary roundabout has been opened to the east of Wanneroo Road to move traffic away from the existing intersection during the construction of the new interchange for Wanneroo Road and Ocean Reef Road.

The temporary alignment will maintain traffic flows in all directions during the construction works. Traffic management was put in place following the initial traffic switch during morning and evening peak hours to help users adjust to the changed conditions and allow traffic patterns to become established.

The speed limit through the temporary alignment will be 40kms/hr. Road conditions may be unfamiliar, and road users are advised to proceed with caution at all times and adhere to the speed limit and signage throughout the area.

The temporary alignment will remain in place until the new interchange is completed, anticipated for September 2020.

Access for pedestrians and cyclists
During construction of the interchange, Cyclists can choose to use the road, or switch on to temporary paths.

The temporary paths will be clearly signposted to ensure pedestrians and cyclists can safely navigate the project area.

A cyclist map is available on the project’s webpage at http://project.mainroads.wa.gov.au/home
Noise walls
The construction of noise walls is well underway, with completion anticipated by the end of 2019.

The image above shows the design for the side of the noise walls where they face Wanneroo Road and Ocean Reef Road. The other side of the walls will be painted in a sequential colour palette of greens and mushroom.

Landscaping and revegetation
A landscaping and revegetation program has been developed for the Wanneroo Road and Ocean Reef Road Interchange project.

Featuring a mix of trees, shrubs and groundcovers, the landscaping design reflects the remnant wetland and woodland vegetation of the local area, and vegetation from the Swan coastal plain. It has also been designed to integrate the landscape with existing City of Wanneroo streetscapes.

The planting program includes more than 2,800 trees and 45,000 shrubs.

Topsoil and mulch has been stockpiled during the clearing of the site, and will be reused in the landscaping and revegetation.

Planting will commence in winter 2020.

What’s next?
Now the traffic has moved away from the existing intersection, the project team can safely commence construction of the Wanneroo Road bridge over Ocean Reef Road. In the coming months the landscape will change significantly as the support structures for the bridge emerge from the ground.

Community engagement
The project team continues to engage with the local community and road users to ensure they are kept informed of project progress.

Advanced notification is provided for any traffic changes, as well as ongoing information and updates about project progress.

The Construction Reference Group that was formed in early 2018 has now met five times, and these meetings will continue through to project completion.

Regularly updated information about project progress is also available on the project page at https://project.mainroads.wa.gov.au/home/northmetropolitan/Pages/wannerooceanreef.aspx

Interested community members are encouraged to visit the project page and subscribe to receive project updates via email.