

Whiteman Yanchep Highway Gnangara Road to Neaves Road

ALIGNMENT DEFINITION STUDY

An Alignment Definition Study is being undertaken to identify and protect the road reservation for a future Whiteman Yanchep Highway.

Whiteman Yanchep Highway is a proposed new north-south route in the North-West Corridor of Perth.

The proposed highway is intended to ease traffic pressure on Wanneroo Road and Mitchell Freeway in the future, due to Perth's forecasted population growth.

In preparation, it is necessary to protect the required road reservation for a northern extension of Tonkin Highway, towards a proposed interchange with Neaves Road, forecast to be required by 2031.

The proposed highway will eventually provide a strategic link to Mitchell Freeway in the Yanchep area by the time Perth's population reaches 3.5 million.

The road reservation may also facilitate future public transport development as it will include space for heavy rail in the median.

Planning for the section between Tonkin Highway and Gnangara Road has been completed as part of the NorthLink WA project.

To support this intended highway, a realignment of Neaves Road is proposed to connect into Whiteman Yanchep Highway at an extension of Flynn Drive. This will separate local and regional traffic, eliminating the need to widen the existing Neaves Road reservation or provide alternative access arrangements.

This proposed realignment supports the Neaves Rutland Roads planning review, currently being undertaken by the Department of Planning.

In consultation with key stakeholders, we have also identified the opportunity to realign the proposed Elliot Road extension and minimise the impact on Bush Forever sites. This realignment is subject to further investigation as part of detailed planning work for the East Wanneroo Structure Plan area.

It is important to note that this is a planning study only, and there is currently no funding for construction.

The proposed Whiteman Yanchep Highway road reservation is shown overleaf.

Project rationale and background

A 2009 review of the North-West Corridor, undertaken by the former Department of Planning and Infrastructure, identified that the parallel routes of Wanneroo Road and Mitchell Freeway have insufficient capacity to service planned future development in the area.

Previously known as the East Wanneroo North-South Route, the proposed Whiteman Yanchep Highway runs to the east of the area covered by the East Wanneroo Structure Plan.

The preferred corridor has been endorsed by the Western Australian Planning Commission.

The Perth Transport Plan for 3.5 Million People and Beyond provides a long-term guide for the strategic development of a sustainable transport network into the future. Whiteman Yanchep Highway has been included in this plan to improve connectivity between planned urban development and employment centres and facilitate the efficient movement of regional freight and commuter traffic into the future.

Current status

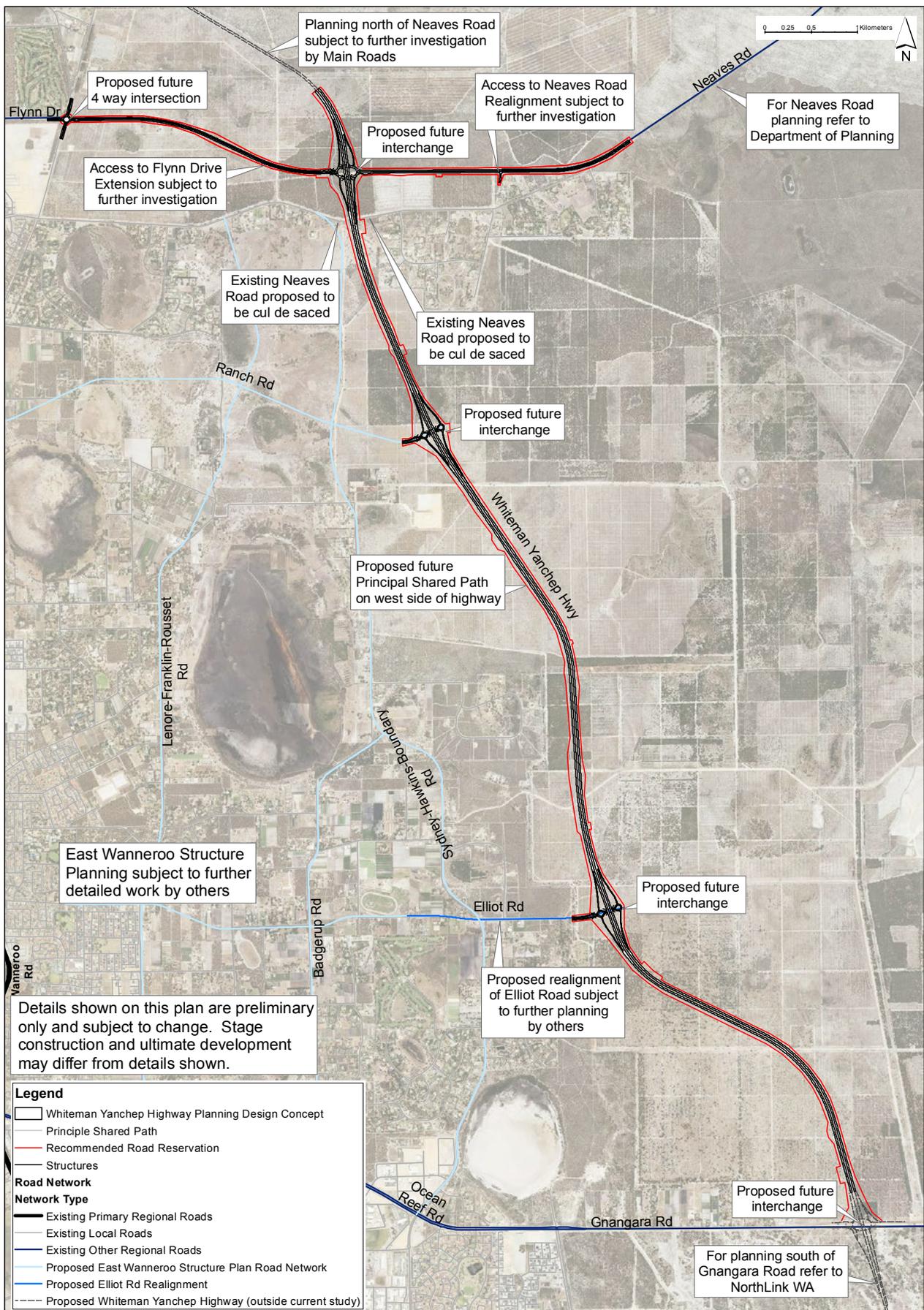
The Alignment Definition Study has been conducted in close consultation with key stakeholders, including local government, and is nearing completion. It has included transport modelling and traffic analysis, preparation of a planning design concept, environmental and noise impact assessments.

Next steps

Community consultation is the final stage of the study. Once this is completed, a proposal will be submitted to the Western Australian Planning Commission seeking an amendment to the Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS). This will ensure the required road reservation for the proposed Whiteman Yanchep Highway is protected, providing certainty for landowners.

The MRS amendment will be advertised and will include a public comment period.





Proposed Whiteman Yanchep Highway route



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