Early work for Phase 1 of the Albany   
Ring Road are gathering pace

Topsoil stripping on site near Albany Highway

# Key activities undertaken in November included:

* Completion of property fencing along Link Road and the corner of Menang Drive;
* Installation of site offices;
* Topsoil stripping along the construction footprint; and,
* Speed restrictions along Albany Highway and Link Road.

Over the next couple of months, activity will become noticeable as major earthworks commence for the Albany Highway and Menang Drive intersection

# Planned Works

From December onwards, local residents will notice increased vehicle activity, including heavy machinery entering and leaving site as construction progresses. Major earthworks will become visible from Albany Highway, Menang Drive and Link Road.

Stockpiles of topsoil will be located along the boundary of the site with Link Road. The stockpiles will be a temporary part of the landscape and will be removed at the end of Phase 1.

Construction Program for Late 2020 – Early 2021

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| **Timeframe** | **Activity** | **Location** | **Comment** |
| December 2020 | Completion of fencing | Albany Highway (Eastern side) | Fencing will be complete for the Phase 1 construction site |
| December 2020 | Vegetation Clearing | Albany Highway (Eastern side) | Dieback affected areas on the Albany Highway corridor are cleared within strict hygiene management systems. |
| Throughout December 2020 | Topsoil Stripping | Albany Highway (Western side) | Topsoil is removed and kept for possible use later in the project (during landscaping). |
| Throughout December 2020 | Foundation Preparation | Albany Highway (Western side) | Shaping of the landscape will start to be visible as areas of ‘cut and fill’ are built. |
| December 2020 – January 2021 | Embankment Construction | Albany Highway (Western side) | Earthmoving equipment will shape the embankment in preparation for bridge construction |
| Early January | Drainage Installation | Albany Highway (Western side) | Installation of drainage pipes under the road alignment. |
| Early January – February 2021 | Installation of underground power | Albany Highway (both sides) | Overhead power lines will disappear as power is re-routed underground. |
| Late January - February 2021 | Relocating existing underground services | Albany Highway (both sides) | Telstra and Water Corporation services will be relocated to suitable locations |

# What to expect as a road user

Speed restrictions will remain in place in the vicinity of Albany Highway, Menang Drive and Link Road for the safety of road users and workers.

There may be times when it is unavoidable for traffic flow to be interrupted as construction workers and utility service workers are working within the road corridor, though these will be kept to a minimum.What to expect as a local resident

Whilst a lot of our forthcoming work involves the relocation of services or placing existing services underground, disruptions should not be necessary. In the unlikely event that telecommunications, water or power services will need to be interrupted, the appropriate service provider will provide notice.

Decmil has in place Noise, Dust and Vibration Management Plans to lessen the impacts of the construction activities on the local neighbourhood. These plans include the requirement to work within specific hours, have a water truck on site and monitoring of noise from time to time in sensitive areas.

# Management of local fauna

Some construction activity for Phase 1 of the Albany Ring Road will take place to the west of Albany Highway in a paddock, which has been home to a significant number of kangaroos. In recent weeks, Decmil have herded many of these kangaroos to other paddocks along the project site where there are fewer interactions with construction traffic and the Albany Highway. Much of the construction site is now securely fenced, reducing the risk of the kangaroos getting onto Albany Highway and Link Road.

While the relocation of kangaroos can be a challenging process, the measure is necessary to reduce the risk of injury to both the kangaroo population and our construction workers while the road is being built,

# Albany Agricultural Show

Thank you to everyone who visited the Main Roads stall at the recent Albany Agricultural Show. Over 200 people took the opportunity to drop in and find out more about the Albany Ring Road and other key projects in the region.

Main Roads and Decmil will continue to work closely with stakeholders and the community as this project moves forward. If you have any questions or comments about the project, please do not hesitate to contact us.

# Further information

Project information is available at www. mainroads.wa.gov.au/projects by emailing enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au or phoning 138 138. You can also register for project updates by heading to our project page and subscribing for email updates.