

# Albany Ring Road



Temporary realignment of South Coast Highway and construction of the interchange

## Bulk earthworks and service relocations are complete

The Albany Ring Road project continues to make great progress, with Phase 1 open to traffic and the earthworks for Phase 2 at completion.

[Check out our latest video](#) to find out more.

### Construction update

With earthworks and service relocation works complete, attention has turned to protecting the alignment in preparation for winter. This includes installing drainage and batter protection, gravel toppings to embankments, and permanent rock pitching to prevent erosion. Additionally, silt fences and coir logs to manage sediment will be installed.

Pavement works commenced early in the northern portion of the alignment to provide additional protection to the embankment.

Construction of the Hanrahan Road / Frenchman Bay Road interchange started in December 2022 and, following the temporary realignment and excavation of South Coast Highway in January, construction of the South Coast Highway interchange started in March 2023. Bridge beams are currently being manufactured and will be transported to site in the coming months.

Bridgeworks will continue during winter and the temporary road layouts will remain in place at Hanrahan Road / Frenchman Bay Road and South Coast Highway until the interchanges open to traffic in 2024.



Temporary road layouts and interchange construction at Hanrahan Road / Frenchman Bay Road

While driving, please follow the signage in place and take caution. We thank the community for its cooperation.

### A look ahead to key milestones

- Hanrahan Road / Frenchman Bay Road Bridge beams installation – September / October 2023
- Pavement works -September 2023 onwards
- Bridge works completion - March 2024
- Project completion - by July 2024

### Pedestrian and cyclist connection between Link Road and Lancaster Road

As part of the Albany Ring Road project, the connection between Lancaster Road and Link Road was severed in February 2023. A dedicated Shared Path for pedestrians and cyclists connecting Link Road to Lancaster Road via an underpass has been constructed for cyclists and pedestrians. The Shared Path and underpass were opened in February 2023 and are now accessible to the community. Some minor finishing works to seal the path and install permanent fencing will take place later this year.



Shared Path and underpass open to the community

### Local Investment and Aboriginal participation update

Local contractors and suppliers have benefited from the Albany Ring Road project, providing them with economic opportunities.

Local engagement in numbers:

- Over 75% of employees are local
- Aboriginal employment accounts for 11% of the project workforce
- 21% of the hours worked on the project is attributable to Aboriginal businesses
- To date, nearly \$37 million has been spent on local businesses, and nearly \$7 million has been expended on Aboriginal suppliers
- 95% of permanent construction materials are sourced locally
- 80% of operators and plant for earthworks provided by local contractors



South Coast Highway bridge site



## In the community

The project team continues to engage actively with the local community. In April, local residents had the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback about the project's progress at community information sessions held in Albany, Little Grove and Denmark. The sessions were well attended, with over 200 visitors over the course of two days. The key area of interest was the changes to local journeys once the new interchanges open early next year. Extensive information about this subject will be shared with the community well in advance of the project opening.

The contractor, Decmil, also hosted the recent Albany CCI Business After Hours Event to showcase the project and discuss ongoing opportunities for local contractors.



## Landscaping and fauna crossing update

We are currently in the process of finalising the revegetation plan for the second stage of the works in collaboration with the City of Albany and members of the Environmental Reference Group. The plan focuses on planting local flora species using a combination of new tube stock and seeding of disturbed areas, including drainage basins.

The project has also been making progress with the Fauna Bridge works. This includes installing two fauna underpasses and five overpasses to assist native animals, such as possums, bandicoots and phascogales, in their movements through the site. These structures will help promote ecological connectivity by providing linkages across the road network, improving biodiversity conservation, and reducing wildlife mortality.

We will continue to provide project updates as the works progress and welcome feedback from the community.

