

# Great Eastern Highway Upgrade



The Australian and Western Australian governments have jointly funded \$293.5 million for upgrades on Great Eastern Highway, between Coates Gully and Coolgardie.

Significant upgrades to nearly 150 kilometres of Great Eastern Highway (GEH) between Coates Gully, in the Shire of Northam, and Coolgardie are continuing.

The Australian and Western Australian governments have allocated \$250 million for the work, which includes the construction of a new bridge near Walgoolan. This is in addition to \$43.5 million previously allocated for improvements to 9.2 kilometres of Highway, and the replacement of five smaller bridges.

## In the Goldfields

**Ghooli Stage 1** - upgrades to 11 kilometres of Great Eastern Highway (10 kilometres east of Southern Cross) were completed in June 2023.

**Ghooli Stage 2** – Tenders for the next 11 kilometre section between Southern Cross and Ghooli are expected to be called in 2023-2024.

Reconstruction, overlay and widening of a further 78 kilometres of Highway, between Ghooli and Coolgardie is expected to be completed by mid-2028.



Above: Great Eastern Highway, Ghooli

## In the Wheatbelt

**Bodallin** – 15 kilometres of Great Eastern Highway around Bodallin is being widened. Work includes a new two-kilometre eastbound passing lane between Bodallin and Moorine Rock, construction of a new westbound rest area between Bodallin and Moorine Rock and a realignment of the Bodallin townsite.

Earthworks and culvert replacements are currently in progress with approximately eight kilometres of side track in place for road users. This work will be completed in the summer months, along with road sealing which will involve lane closures and minor delays. Work is due for completion in April 2024.

**Moorine Rock** – widening one kilometre of road around Moorine Rock Bridge, and the installation of new guardrails is expected to commence in September 2023, with completion expected in October 2023.

Intersection upgrades and widening is also planned for Parker Range Road with work to commence in December 2023 and due for completion by June 2024.

**Walgoolan Bridge Replacement** – construction of the new bridge is continuing with a side track in place to help reduce the impact on traffic while approximately six kilometres of the road is widened. During the summer months, lane closures will be in place while the new and old roads are connected. Work is due for completion in December 2023.



*Bottom left and above: Four, 100 tonne beams for the new Walgoolan Bridge are lifted into place. Below: The new bridge takes shape.*



## Future Works

Further upgrades on Great Eastern Highway, between Walgoolan and Coolgardie, are planned until 2028.

## Traffic Management

All roadwork sites operate under temporary traffic management which includes speed reductions, detours, portable traffic lights and the use of pilot vehicles to guide traffic safely through each site.

These measures are in place to protect both our roadworkers and you. Please, *be roadwork aware, slow down and take care.*

## Further information

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