

Hedland Road/Rail Safety Improvement Project



In collaboration with BHP, Main Roads will construct two new 'road-over-rail' bridges, realign two major intersections and build two new roundabouts in the Hedland area.

This package of works will essentially remove three road/rail conflicts to significantly improve road safety and transport efficiency for the Hedland community. BHP's total contributions will be in excess of \$45 million, an investment that will deliver local jobs in the construction phase and lasting safety and convenience benefits to the community.

Work is now underway on Stage 1 which is fully funded by BHP and being delivered by Main Roads. In August 2021, a \$31.48 million contract was awarded to the Highway Construction-Albem Operations joint venture, will deliver the Buttsweld Road 'road-over-rail' bridge near

Port Hedland. It is part of an estimated \$68 million package of works split into three phases:

- construction of a 34-metre-long bridge over BHP's rail line south of Buttsweld Road bridge (Stage 1);
- closure of Powell Road and construction of traffic roundabouts at the Dalton and Hamilton roads intersections. The roundabouts will be built either side of the rail line and complement the 'road-over-rail' bridges by removing access over the rail crossing (Stage 1) and;
- construction of a 31-metre-long 'road-over-rail' bridge on the Port Hedland

Airport Deviation at the Nelson Point main level crossing on Great Northern Highway (Stage 2).

Stage 2 is expected to commence construction in [early 2022].

Funding and Timeline

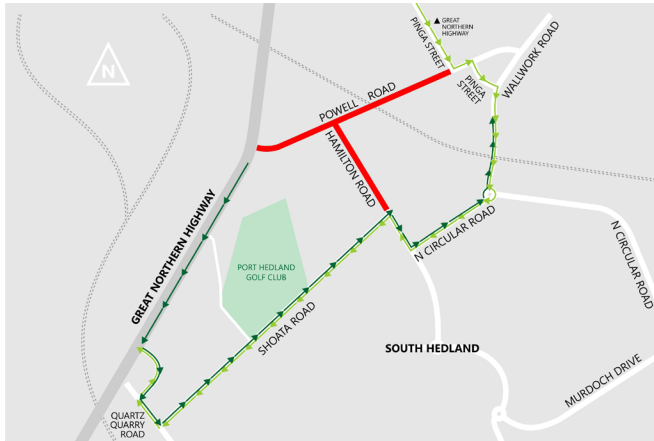
Main Roads will manage the works with total funding for the road-over-rail projects provided by BHP (\$45.26 million for Stages 1 and 2), the Australian Government (\$18.2 million for Stage 2) and the State Government (\$4.54 million for Stage 2).

Around 90 jobs will be created over the life of the works which are expected to be finished in late 2022.

What's happening now?

Powell Road

Main Roads are constructing two large roundabouts on Powell Road, one at Hamilton Road and another at Dalton Road. The rail crossing is now closed to all traffic and de ours are in place until April 2022. Currently service relocation works are underway and we ask road users to follow all traffic management in place and drive to the conditions.



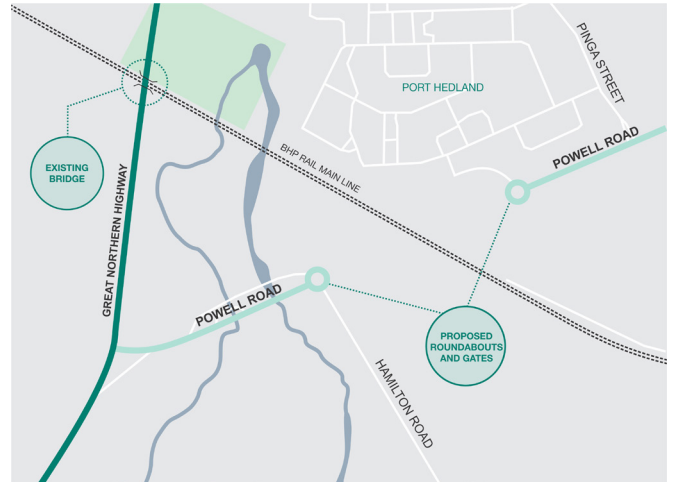
Buttweld Road

Main Roads have now established site offices and safety fencing. Required clearing has been completed with side tracks now under construction. Traffic is expected to be switched to these side tracks during November.

Plans for 2022

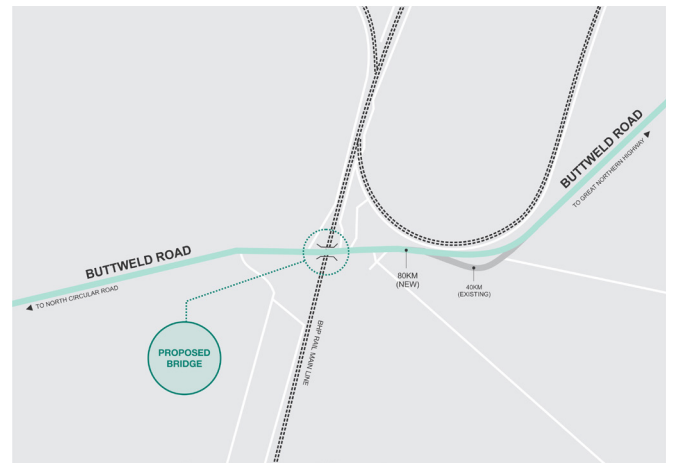
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Construction of the roundabouts will resume in January after the Christmas break. After the roundabouts are complete, finishing works such as embankment and, pavement construction, sealing and lighting with completion due end of April 2022.



Buttweld Road

Piling, embankment, foundation and bridgeworks will commence early January 2022. Beams are expected to be installed mid 2022, with the project due for completion late 2022.



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