

Halls Creek to Kununurra Bridges (Kimberley Bridges)



A \$33 million Design and Construct Contract has been awarded to Fortec Australia Pty Ltd for the Halls Creek to Kununurra Bridges Project, previously known as the Kimberley Bridges Project.

The project will replace three existing single-lane bridges with dual-lane bridges over Arthur Creek, Frog Hollow Creek and Tickalara Creek on Great Northern Highway.

The long-awaited bridge improvements on Great Northern Highway will not only improve safety for road and freight users,

but also create jobs and support the regional economy.

The contract includes an Aboriginal participation employment target of 10% and Aboriginal business expenditure target of 7.5%. The project will build on relationships formed during a local Aboriginal Industry Forum hosted in Kununurra in October 2022.

Design specifications will ensure the new bridges are resistant to a 100 year flood event.

The existing single-lane bridges at Arthur Creek, Frog Hollow Creek and Tickalara Creek present considerable safety hazards to motorists. From 2017 to 2021, 44

crashes were recorded within the project area.

Construction of new dual-lane bridges will result in the removal of three single-lane bridges in the Kimberley with twelve still remaining, significantly reducing the risk of head-on collisions at each location.

Construction is scheduled from mid-2023 with completion by late 2024.

For more information, visit <https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/kimberley-bridges>. Alternatively contact Main Roads at 138 138 or enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au