

# South Western Highway & Vittoria Road Roundabout Construction

## Improving safety for road users

We are progressing a project to construct a roundabout at the intersection of South Western Highway (SWH) and Vittoria Road in Picton.

Funded by State Government's Safer Roads Program, the roundabout is designed to reduce driver frustration, risk taking and crashes by:

- providing a safer right turn movement from Vittoria Road on to SWH;
- providing a dedicated left turn lane onto SWH from Vittoria Road;
- reducing queuing and improving efficiency; and
- providing a slower environment at the intersection.

The project also provides an opportunity to improve one of Bunbury's key entrances through a revegetation and landscaping program with native species that are present in the area.

## What's happening

Pre-construction work for the roundabout is expected to commence in April 2021 and will include:

- removal of non-native vegetation and stripping of topsoil
- relocation of services (power, water, gas and telecommunications); and
- placing fill in low lying wet areas to build up the area ahead of construction.

Stop-Go traffic management will be in place for the duration of work and short-term road closures may be required at times. We encourage all road users to **please approach the work site with caution**, stay alert and follow traffic management signs or traffic controller directions.

Construction is anticipated to commence in early 2022.

## Environment and Heritage

Main Roads recognises the importance of the natural environment and has sought minimal environmental impact throughout the design and development process.

The project's Environmental Assessment has determined that there will be a low overall environmental impact. A total of 0.7 hectares is expected to be cleared with two-thirds of this vegetation being non-native species.

Additionally, a fauna survey has identified there will be no impact to black cockatoos, and potential impacts to the Western Ring Tail Possum are low due to the degraded nature of the remnant vegetation and low population.

Work adjacent to the rehabilitated old Preston River watercourse is minimal, and the rehabilitation program will be designed to complement the surrounding wetland.

Aboriginal Heritage Surveys have been completed, along with consultation and approval from Traditional Owners.

