

Tanami Road Upgrade Great Northern Highway to WA Border



The upgrading and sealing of the first 20 kms of Tanami Road near Halls Creek, is funded by the Australian (\$34.2 million) and State (\$8.55 million) governments. A Delivery Strategy is being developed for the remainder of the road.

About the Project

Tanami Road is 1,035 kms long, linking Alice Springs in the Northern Territory to Halls Creek in Western Australia.

The 313 km long section in Western Australia is unsealed and experiences closures in wet weather, cutting off the communities it services.

Main Roads is developing plans to upgrade and seal the road up to the Northern Territory border.

It is anticipated that the upgrading and sealing of the first 20 km section south of Great Northern Highway near Halls Creek, will commence in mid-2022, subject to heritage and environmental approvals.

Project Development Update

Activities that have been completed include:

- Ground surveys for first 114 km
- Preliminary road design for first 60 km
- Investigation of proposed material areas and water bores sites for first 60 km
- Environmental Surveys for the first 60 km
- Heritage Protection Agreements signed with Koongie-Elvire and Jaru Traditional Owners

Activities now in progress or planned to commence soon include:

- Detailed road design for first 60 km

- Preliminary road design for next 54 km
- Ground surveys for the rest of the road to the Northern Territory border
- Environmental impact assessments
- Aboriginal Heritage surveys
- Finalise environmental and Heritage approvals

In mid-2022, Main Roads is planning to commence preconstruction activities, including installing new water bores, investigating material sources and stockpiling materials.

Stakeholder Engagement

Main Roads has commenced consultation with key stakeholders to seek input into the project.

In July, a community information session held in Halls Creek was well attended by local people interested in the project.

Community Information sessions are planned to be held in Billiluna, Balgo and Mulan in 2022.

Main Roads has provided initial briefings with the three native title groups directly affected by the road – Jaru, Koongie-Elvire and Tjurubalan, who all indicated their support for the project.

A Project Community and Stakeholder Reference Group will be formed. A Delivery Strategy workshop is planned with the reference group determine the final project scope, objectives and delivery program.



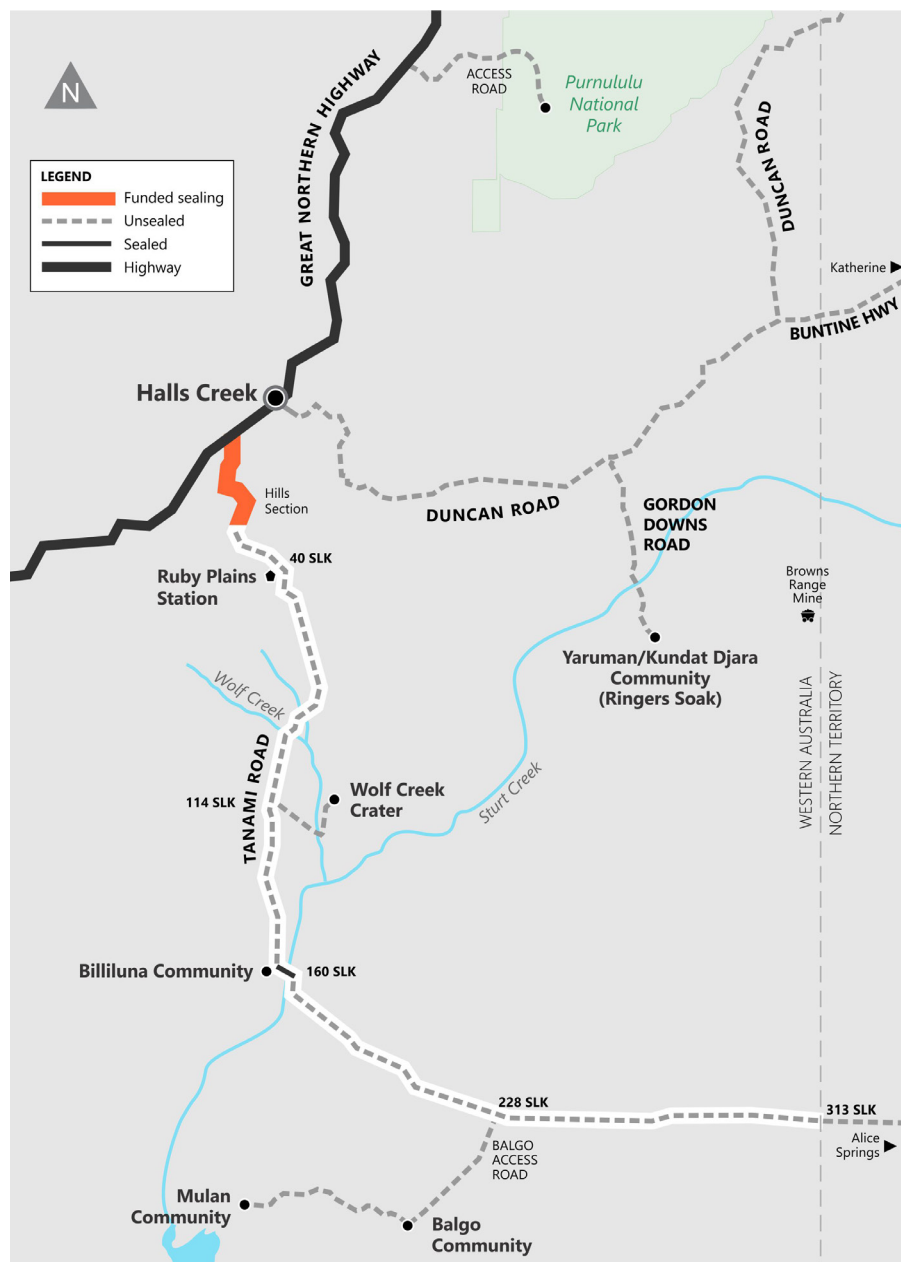
Aboriginal Participation

Aboriginal Participation targets will be set for this project in-line with other projects being delivered in the Kimberley Region.

It is planned to also form a Working Group with representatives from employment and training organisations, to promote Aboriginal engagement in project delivery and assist Main Roads in achieving Aboriginal participation targets.



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