



Toodyay Road Upgrade



Jointly funded by the Australian (\$5.6 million) and Western Australian (\$1.4 million) Governments, the \$7 million project to upgrade a section of Toodyay Road will improve road user safety.

We are upgrading Toodyay Road to provide a safe, consistent and comfortable driving environment, improving road user safety, reducing the likelihood and severity of crashes and improving traffic efficiency.

What is happening?

Construction of 2.2 kilometre overtaking lane, west of Lovers Lane will commence on 23 November 2020. As part of this work, the adjoining road section will be realigned, widened, with audible edge and centre lines installed. A wide centre line treatment helps create greater separation between opposing traffic. Coupled with audible line marking, the wider median gives road users longer to recover should they cross the centre line, thereby reducing the risk of head-on crashes.

This initial work is a part of the WA Government's planned upgrades on Toodyay Road, within the Shire of Toodyay, which includes road widening,

realignment, intersection improvements, bridge replacements and audible edge lining.

Timing

Preconstruction activities will commence on 23 November 2020; construction work will commence early 2021, and will be completed by May 2021.

Construction impacts

Fencing, vegetation and minor earthworks will be complete before the end of 2020. Traffic Management, including speed restrictions will be in place between 6am and 6pm.

Construction of the overtaking lane will commence in early 2021 until May 2021. Temporary sealed side tracks will be in place with speed restrictions.

Traffic lights will be required occasionally, operated by a traffic controller during working hours, and sensor driven overnight.

For the latest information on impacts and detours, visit the [Main Roads Travel Map](#)

Community Reference Group

We continue to seek feedback from the community and stakeholders on future stages of upgrades through a Community Reference Group (CRG) established in 2017.

The group includes representatives from Toodyay Agricultural Society, Toodyay Naturalist Club, Toodyay Roadwise Committee, Wildflower Society of WA, Toodyay Friends of the River, WA Police, Toodyay St John Ambulance, WALGA Roadwise, Shire of Toodyay and neighbouring landowners.

The CRG has guided our ongoing focus, which is to minimise the environmental impacts as much as possible, while enhancing safety and efficiency for all users; which includes:

- Optimisation of the road design to reduce the amount of vegetation removed
- Approval of clearing permits from both the Australian and State Governments
- Perpetual conservation of an environmental offset of 196 hectares of prime Wandoo woodland adjacent to the Clackline Nature Reserve

- Installation of 188 artificial black cockatoo nesting hollows, in the reserve or in other nearby nature reserves
- Collection of seeds in the Toodyay Road reserve to ensure the species currently on the roadside are available for revegetation
- During winter 2020, interested people in the local community assisted with plant relocations with Main Roads staff
- To prevent impacts on the environment in the vicinity of the works, Main Roads will use environmental management controls during construction
- The development of a revegetation plan will assist Main Roads to contribute to the ecological connectivity whilst preserving the look and feel of the roadside. We will continue to source local species of vegetation from six nurseries in the Wheatbelt Region for revegetation

Further information

To find out more about this project please visit the [Main Roads website](#) where you can subscribe for updates, you can also call our Customer Information Centre on 138 138.



Grass tree translocations from around 10 mile school site to acquired farmland adjacent to Jingaling Brook Road