

Toodyay Road Upgrade Dryandra Road to Toodyay

Construction activity to recommence in late-November

Construction of a 740m section of the Toodyay Road Upgrade, between Clackline-Toodyay Road and Northam-Toodyay Road, will begin in late-November.

This follows the award of a \$6.2 million contract for the works to Highways Construction in October. Completion is scheduled for April 2023.

Scope

This relatively short section of the overall Toodyay Road Upgrade project will see the road reconstructed, with a minor realignment, and widened to accommodate the safer 1.0 m wide centre-line treatment, 3.5m lanes and 1.5 m sealed shoulders. This is consistent with the completed section of the project immediately to the east of the works area and meets Australian Standards for regional roads.

Changes for road users

It is unlikely that this section of the project will have a significant impact on road users. Two-way traffic will be maintained for the majority of the construction period, though a temporary speed reduction to 60km/h will be in place for the safety of our construction crews working in close proximity to the existing road. Road users are encouraged to drive with care and be aware of the signage in place.

Winery access

As part of our contractor's Construction Management Plan, access to Coorinja Winery, located south of the worksite, will remain open at all times. There may be occasional minor access changes due to the reconstruction of the driveway, so winery patrons are



Above: location of next section of project (looking north)

encouraged to drive with care on the approach and be aware of workers in the vicinity.

Advanced notice – removal of rocky outcrop

To accommodate the widening and slight realignment of Toodyay Road in this location, a small rocky outcrop located just north of the existing road, will be removed by controlled blasts.

This may require short-term closures of Toodyay Road on days of blasting activities. Traffic will be held in each direction for between 5 and 30 minutes while the blasts take place. Specific information on the timing of each blast will be shared with the community and road users closer to the time.

Services Relocations Update

Last month, relocation of telecommunications services commenced at the western end of the Toodyay Road Upgrade project area, between Dryandra Road and Jingaling Brook Road. While construction in this area is not scheduled to commence until 2024, undertaking these relocations ahead of time will enable works to get underway promptly once procurement is finalised.

Although some vegetation clearing was required to accommodate the new services path, the project team, together with Telstra, were able to relocate the telecommunications services path in the vicinity of Morangup Road to avoid five mature Marri trees, that had previously been identified for clearing.

Relocation of power and telecommunication services is anticipated to continue in the upcoming months, between Lovers Lane and Clackline-Toodyay Road. This activity is not expected to have any significant impact on traffic movements, though some vegetation clearing will be required to accommodate the new services path.

Further information

To find out more about the Toodyay Road Upgrade, or to provide feedback, please contact us on 138 138 or via email at enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au