



Toodyay Road Safety Improvements Aspen Road to Dryandra Road



Jointly funded by the Australian and State Governments, the Regional Road Safety Program will significantly **improve road user safety** and help to **reduce road trauma** on up to 7,000 kilometres of regional roads by July 2022.

Improving safety for road users

The number of fatal and serious injury road crashes (from run-off road and head-on crashes) in regional Western Australia is five times higher than the metropolitan area.

As part of the Regional Road Safety Program, jointly funded by the Australian and State Governments, more than \$455 million of road safety treatments are being delivered over the next 18 months, to significantly improve road user safety and help reduce road trauma.

Audible edge lines and sealed shoulders are planned for a number of major regional roads, to provide a more forgiving road environment.

Ranked the highest risk route in the Road Safety Commission's 2015 Highway Safety Review, Toodyay Road's crash rate is more than five times the state average.

Main Roads has been working to improve road user safety with a series of projects on Toodyay Road and is now focusing on the section between Aspen Road and Dryandra Road, in East Gidgegannup and Bailup.

What's planned?

The intersections of Berry Road, Bailup Road, Utah Road and Squarcini Close will be widened to allow vehicles travelling straight to safely pass a vehicle turning right. This is a major safety improvement for this stretch of Toodyay Road, which is used by an average of 2,900 vehicles per day, including more than 350 trucks. Sightlines at each intersection will also be improved, addressing an ongoing safety concern for residents and local road users.

In addition, six kilometres of Toodyay Road will be widened with sealed shoulders. Safety barriers will also be installed in sections to help prevent run-off road crashes and protect road users from roadside hazards such as steep embankments, trees and culverts.

Starting in late March 2021 and scheduled for completion by mid-year, this safety upgrade will help reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on WA roads each year. It will also complement recently completed work on Toodyay Road through Gidgegannup, as well as [ongoing upgrades in the Wheatbelt region](#).

Looking after the environment

We are minimising the clearing required for this project by installing steel safety barriers in suitable locations along both carriageways, allowing a number of trees to be retained in the verge.

Minor clearing will be required for the widening work and to improve sightlines at the four intersections. This work will be guided by a comprehensive environmental assessment which has determined that the impacted area is a mix of planted and native vegetation, some of which is quite degraded. Approval has been granted for the small areas of Eucalypt woodland earmarked for removal.

There is a significant amount of comparably higher quality fauna habitat nearby, with large swathes of state and national park within close proximity of Toodyay Road. As a result, no significant impact to fauna is expected.

All suitable vegetation removed as part of this project will be mulched and reused on-site, or on other Main Roads projects.

Traffic Management

Speed restrictions and stop/slow traffic management will be in place on Toodyay Road, and at each intersection while work is undertaken. Please be roadwork aware, slow down and take care.



Further information

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