

Tonkin Highway Extension and Thomas Road Upgrade

Funding: The \$755 million project is jointly funded by the Federal (\$604 million) and State (\$151 million) governments. \$290 million is also allocated to upgrade Thomas Road, bringing the total funding commitment to \$1.045 billion.

Jobs: Set to support around 4,400 direct and indirect jobs.

Delivery: The contract was awarded in January 2025 to the Tonkin Extension Alliance, comprising BMD Construction, Civcon Civil & Project Management, Georgiou Group, BG&E and GHD.

Are you interested in working on the project? Contact enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au to be connected with a Tonkin Extension Alliance representative. **For Tender opportunities**, click [here](#)



Visualisation of Thomas Road, based on design drawings, which are subject to change.

Driving WA Forward

A Major Transport Investment for Perth's South East Corridor.

The Australian and Western Australian Governments are investing over \$1 billion to extend Tonkin Highway from Thomas Road to South Western Highway and upgrade Thomas Road to improve safety, connectivity, and freight efficiency.

This project will deliver:

- 14 kilometres of new highway
- Widened Thomas Road for safer travel
- New interchanges and bridges to improve traffic flow
- Enhanced shared paths for pedestrians and cyclists.

With construction set to begin in mid-2025, following early works, activity is set to increase.

Early Works Set to Begin!

In preparation for major construction, preliminary works will begin in late March along Thomas Road and the future Tonkin Highway alignment. These works will take approximately four months to complete.

What's Included?

- Geotechnical investigations – testing ground conditions.
- Potholing for service locating – identifying underground utilities.
- Environmental investigations – surveys.

What to expect?

You may see some of our work crews and vehicles accessing the road reserve at various locations along the alignment, with most work occurring between 7am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

In mid-April, minor traffic management may be required to ensure the safety of our workers, and the community as investigations continue.

Any after-hours work or changes to road conditions will be communicated in advance.

Next Steps - What to Expect Ahead of Construction Starting

Noise, Dust and Vibration

We are required to abide by stringent dust, noise and vibration legislative requirements to minimise disruptions to nearby residents as much as practical. We will have monitoring underway once construction has begun to ensure compliance with these measures.

Potential long term noise impacts are a key consideration for the project and baseline monitoring has been undertaken. While further investigations will occur, property owners will be consulted if noise or screen walls are proposed adjacent to your property.

Noise is managed under State Planning Policy 5.4 Road and Rail Noise, which provides mechanisms for practical and reasonable noise mitigation measures.

Property Pre-Condition Surveys and Tie-In At-Property Works (Accommodation Works)

Property owners near the project alignment will be contacted for property survey investigations and to discuss tie-in requirements (driveway access, fencing changes and property access adjustments) as the project progresses in design ahead of construction starting.

This direct engagement with residents, businesses and property owners will continue throughout the project.

Access Changes and Traffic Impacts

As we undertake these important infrastructure upgrades, there will be temporary disruptions as we construct 14 kilometres of new highway and widen Thomas Road. We are committed to communicating these changes in advance and will work to minimise disruptions wherever possible.

Emergency access will be maintained, and we will continue engaging with residents and businesses throughout the process to confirm access arrangements and emergency egress. You can view the access and connectivity map on the [Main Roads website](#).

Sustainable Construction and Materials Use

The project is predicted to provide long-term economic and sustainable benefits by:

- An estimated \$15.2 million in annual savings in vehicle operating costs.
- Improving travel time reliability for freight and business operators.
- Lowering emissions through less stop-start travel reducing fuel consumption.

Environmental sustainability is a key consideration for the project. We will be reusing surplus materials from other infrastructure works, and we will be minimising vegetation clearing wherever possible.

Conditional environmental approvals have been obtained for the project under the Environmental Protection Act and Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act.

There are requirements in place to maintain trees and natural screening, with design focusing on retaining existing vegetation where possible.

Stay Informed!

We want your feedback! – We will be seeking community feedback on road layouts, landscaping and urban design, and noise walls and public art. Community Information Sessions will be organised and announced soon. Sign up for email updates on our website to find out more!

For More Information

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Tonkin Highway Extension and Thomas Road Upgrade Map



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