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OTHER WORKS

UPCOMING WORKS:

Roe Highway / Berkshire Road intersection, Forrestfield Continuing throughout March and April 2016

By the end of March, the Gateway WA team expects to deliver the upgraded Roe Highway / Berkshire Road interchange. The new “tennis ball” design is aimed at improving safety and efficiency for road users at the intersection which was one of the state’s worst black spots.

Community members may have noticed some significant changes take place at the interchange across February, with all movements at the new interchange opened to road users.

The interchange now allows through traffic on Roe Highway to travel uninterrupted over the top of Berkshire Road, improving efficiency.

Beneath Roe Highway, Berkshire Road is now laid out in a “tennis ball” format, allowing road users to navigate to and from Roe Highway more safely.

The innovative design was prompted as a safety initiative and decreases the severity of potential impacts by a change in incident angle and reduction in approach speed. For interactive maps and further information on how to utilise the interchange, please visit www.gatewaywa.com.au.

With the majority of road asphaltting works now complete, the team will shift their focus to asphaltting the new Shared Path adjacent to Roe Highway on the residential side of the interchange. Asphaltting of the Shared Path will be undertaken during day shift hours.

The path will join the 21 kilometres of new Shared Path and local connections constructed adjacent to

the upgraded network within the wider Gateway WA project area. For a map showing the location of the new Shared Paths being delivered as part of the project, please visit www.gatewaywa.com.au.

In addition to the Shared Path, the team will also be focusing on the installation of auxiliary road infrastructure in the vicinity of the interchange. This will include the installation of street lighting, signage and traffic barriers.

Other minor construction works will also continue throughout March. These works will include drainage construction, kerb construction and brick paving works.

Further line-marking will also take place now that the final layers of asphalt have been installed at the interchange.

Various landscaping activities will continue throughout March. Planting of vegetation will then commence in the winter months when conditions are more favourable.

Please note that upon completion of the Roe Highway / Berkshire Road interchange at the end of March, there will be a period of time in which Gateway WA is required to undertake remedial works to finesse the upgrade.

This process ensures consistency in the quality of work delivered by the project. This will mean that whilst the upgrade will be completed by the end of March, residents may notice crews in the area after this time as they carry out these works.



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Upcoming work details

Works expected to be undertaken in the vicinity of the intersection and along Roe Highway and Berkshire Road during the coming months include:

- > Road pavement construction, involving delivery, placement and compaction of sub-base and base-course material and laying asphalt.
- > Drainage and kerb construction works, including profiling and rehabilitation of the temporary medians.
- > Ongoing installation and repositioning of temporary and permanent traffic barriers using a franna crane. Night works may be required to facilitate this activity.
- > Installation of street lighting, involving excavation of trenches, backfilling of earth material, compaction and directional drilling.
- > Shared Path and local connection point construction, involving delivery, placement and compaction of sub-base material, laying asphalt and concrete, fencing and line-marking.
- > Steel and wire rope barrier installation, involving the use of a piling rig to drive support posts into the ground, which may generate some noise.
- > Line-marking and signage installation to alter the alignment of traffic lanes and establish work areas.
- > Painting and landscaping activities, including the delivery and spreading of mulch.

Some of these activities will be undertaken at night time and on weekends due to their close proximity to traffic and the requirement to temporarily close lanes of the highway.

Changed traffic conditions

Changed traffic conditions will be in place while some of these works are underway, including a reduced speed limit and temporary lane closures. Information on full road closures can be found at www.gatewaywa.com.au.

Signage will continue to be in place to guide motorists through the changed traffic conditions.

Motorists are encouraged to factor additional time into their journey.

Working hours

Work will be carried out **Monday to Saturday day shift (between 7am and 7pm) and Monday to Friday night shift (between 7pm and 5am), excluding public holidays.**

Weekend works may be required in March to finalise construction of the interchange. Emergency maintenance and repair work may also need to take place outside of these times.

Gateway WA recognises the impact out of hours works may have on local residents and will make every effort to minimise disruption.



Above: An aerial photograph of the Roe Highway / Berkshire Road interchange taken in February 2016.



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