**Staged opening**

In December 2019 we advised that the Kwinana Freeway Northbound Widening Project is approaching completion and a staged opening would commence in the first half of 2020.

A staged opening is required to enable other works in the area to be completed. This includes the installation of safety barriers and drainage in preparation for the METRONET Thornlie-Cockburn Link project and the construction of piers for the new Armadale Road to North Lake Road Bridge. Undertaking this work now will reduce the requirement for additional traffic management and disruption later in 2020.

As each new section of freeway opens and new capacity becomes available, road users will notice a significant improvement in traffic flow. This will be further enhanced with the opening of Perth’s first Smart Freeway north of Canning Highway.

**Freeway traffic switch and changed traffic conditions**

Commencing in late March, road users will notice changes to the freeway alignment as new lanes are opened and existing lanes are closed. The following alignment will remain in place until the end of May 2020:

- The new third northbound lane between Russell Road and the Beeliar Drive exit will open, adding capacity to this section of the freeway.
- A major traffic switch will see northbound traffic moved westward onto the newly constructed freeway lanes between Beeliar Drive and Berrigan Drive.
- A new Collector Distributor road adjacent to the freeway will also open at this time, reducing congestion and improving safety around the Beeliar Drive and Berrigan Drive access points.
- Once the traffic switch has occurred, concrete barrier installation will commence on the rail side of the freeway, necessitating the temporary closure of two existing northbound lanes.
- Two freeway lanes will be in operation from Berrigan Drive to north of Roe Highway until the opening of the Murdoch Drive Connection Project in late April.

Please see the map overleaf for more information.

The speed limit between Beeliar Drive and Berrigan Drive will be unchanged at 80km/h.

Road users should exercise caution when driving between Russell Road and Roe Highway as the lane alignment will be unfamiliar.

**After-hours works**

To avoid major disruption to the high volume of daytime traffic on Kwinana Freeway and the associated risks to our workforce, most of the staged openings are being undertaken at night.

To minimise disturbance to residents, an after-hours noise management plan has been prepared and approved by the City of Cockburn.

For information on future after-hours works please subscribe to the email notifications via our project webpage at:

https://project.mainroads.wa.gov.au/home
Principal Shared Path (PSP) detour

The eighth and final phase of the PSP detour will commence in late March 2020 (maps are available from the project webpage). The changes include the removal of the detour between Kentucky Court and Berrigan Drive. This will further reduce journey times between Beeliar Drive and Berrigan Drive and the number of cyclists detoured on the local road network.

The existing path detour between Beeliar Drive and Kentucky Court will remain in place to separate path users from construction activity during the building of the new Armadale Road to North Lake Road Bridge. Once the bridge construction is complete, this section of shared path will be upgraded and reopened to the public.

Works are progressing to finalise the shared path upgrade between Berrigan Drive and Farrington Road, with the opening scheduled for April 2020.

Changes to access points

The PSP access points have changed in the newly upgraded section of PSP. To view notifications and maps of the changes, visit https://project.mainroads.wa.gov.au/home

Staying up to date

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Kwinana Freeway Northbound alignment – Russell Road to Farrington Road, from late March to late May 2020

Two existing northbound lanes between Beeliar Drive and just north of Berrigan Drive will be closed until Late May 2020. This will allow barriers and drainage to be installed adjacent to the rail reserve to facilitate construction of the Thornlie-Cockburn Link project as part of METRONET. This closure will also enable bridge piers for the new Armadale Road to North Lake Road Bridge project to be installed safely.

The Murdoch Drive Connection project and resurfaced freeway northbound lanes from Berrigan Drive to Farrington Road will open in late April, providing dedicated access to Fiona Stanley Hospital and the Murdoch Activity Centre from Kwinana Freeway northbound and Roe Highway. The upgraded Farrington Road on-ramp will also open in April.

New freeway lanes including a Collector Distributor Road from Beeliar Drive to Berrigan Drive. Traffic will be moved onto these newly constructed lanes from the end of March.