Mitchell Freeway Southbound Widening
Cedric Street to Vincent Street

What’s happening?
Between Glendale Station and Hutton Street, a new 2.1km section of PSP will complete an essential missing link in the Mitchell Freeway PSP and includes a new bridge over the busy Scarborough Beach Road and two underpasses at Hutton Street.

Noise walls are being installed at selected locations from Karrinyup Road to Vincent Street on the southbound side of Mitchell Freeway.

Why are detours required?
Detours are necessary to ensure the safety of PSP users. In some locations construction vehicles move across the PSP, creating potential ‘clash-points’ between construction activities and PSP users.

In other locations, the existing PSP has been completely removed to allow for an upgraded path to be constructed on the same alignment.

How are detour routes determined?
Several options have been carefully considered to maintain a north-south route for PSP users. The safety of road crossings, vehicle movements, lighting, service relocations, earthworks and bridge construction works are all considered when planning detours.

Where alternative shared paths are available, we detour PSP users onto these paths. In many instances however, there are no alternative suitable paths available.

With safety of PSP users our highest priority, detours onto the relatively quiet local road network is often the next safest option to separate PSP users from construction activities.

All detours go through a process of rigorous planning and assessment. They are also reviewed by experts in Main Roads, cycling groups and approved by local government prior to implementation.

How do you notify people?
Communications are critical to the successful implementation of a PSP detour. Signage is used to guide PSP users through the detour and to advice of closures.

The impact on local residents is also acknowledged. A combination of face-to-face engagement and letterbox drops are used to inform local residents of increased cycling and pedestrian traffic on the local roads.

The 7km additional lane on Mitchell Freeway southbound from Cedric Street to Vincent Street is underway with expected completion in late 2019. Noise walls and a new Principal Shared Path (PSP) are being constructed as part of the project.
Cyclist courtesy and safety

There are several actions cyclists can do when travelling through detours.

• Make eye contact – never assume that a motorist or pedestrian sees you or that you have the right of way.
• Don’t ride within 2m of the rear of a vehicle for a distance of over 200m.
• Don’t ride with more than two cyclists abreast and not more than 1.5m apart.
• Use hand signals to turn left, right or to stop.
• Stay within the bike lane if one is provided and it is safe to do so.
• Ride so that you have 1m of space from the edge of the road. This makes you more visible to drivers.
• Outfit yourself and your bike so that you are easy to see. Lights in front and rear are essential, especially at dawn and dusk or whenever light is low.
• Use your position within the lane to signal your intentions. If you are preparing to merge or turn left, move to the left part of the lane. Stay in the centre when you are traveling straight. Move right when you want to merge or turn in that direction, or to permit cars to pass.
• Stay alert for cars coming from the opposite direction that may make a left turn across your path.
• Watch for blind spots: Drivers looking for openings in traffic and exiting driveways have limited visibility. When you approach such spots, stand tall on the pedals and try to make eye contact with the driver.

Motorist courtesy and safety

• Residents and motorists are asked to take extra care when driving along the detour route.
• When passing a cyclist heading in the same direction, maintain at least 1m where the posted speed limit is 60 km/h or less.
• When passing a cyclist heading in the same direction, maintain 1.5m on roads where the posted speed limit is more than 60km/h.
• Take extra care when exiting and entering driveways. Consider reversing into your driveway to improve your visibility when entering the road.
• On bin day, place your rubbish bins carefully to avoid obstructions on footpaths.

Further information

WestCycle has Best Practice Guides for both cyclists and motorists that can be accessed at www.westcycle.org.au

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