

Mitchell Freeway Southbound Widening CEDRIC STREET TO VINCENT STREET

A design and construction contract has been awarded for the widening of Mitchell Freeway southbound, from Cedric Street to Vincent Street, with works scheduled to commence shortly.

Project overview

The \$40 million project is jointly funded by the Australian (\$32 million) and State (\$8 million) Governments, as part of a \$2.3 billion road and rail infrastructure package. An additional \$19 million has also been allocated to complete a missing link on the Principal Shared Path.

Main Roads has awarded a contract to BMD Constructions to deliver the project, which involves:

- Constructing an additional 7km lane on Mitchell Freeway southbound from Cedric Street to Vincent Street.
- Linking the Principal Shared Path network from Glendalough Station to Hutton Street, with two underpasses at Hutton Street, one overpass at Scarborough Beach Road and separated sections of path for cyclists and pedestrians around Glendalough Station.
- Improvements to median barriers between the railway line and traffic lanes, with existing barriers replaced with concrete barriers.



Artists impression of the Principal Shared Path bridge over Scarborough Beach Road.

Current traffic counts show that up to 180,000 vehicles use the section of Mitchell Freeway between Cedric Street and Vincent Street each day, making it one of the busiest stretches of road in Western Australia.

If the section is not widened, traffic modelling shows it will be the most congested route in Australia by 2031.

Works to widen the freeway will commence in November 2018 and finish in late 2019.



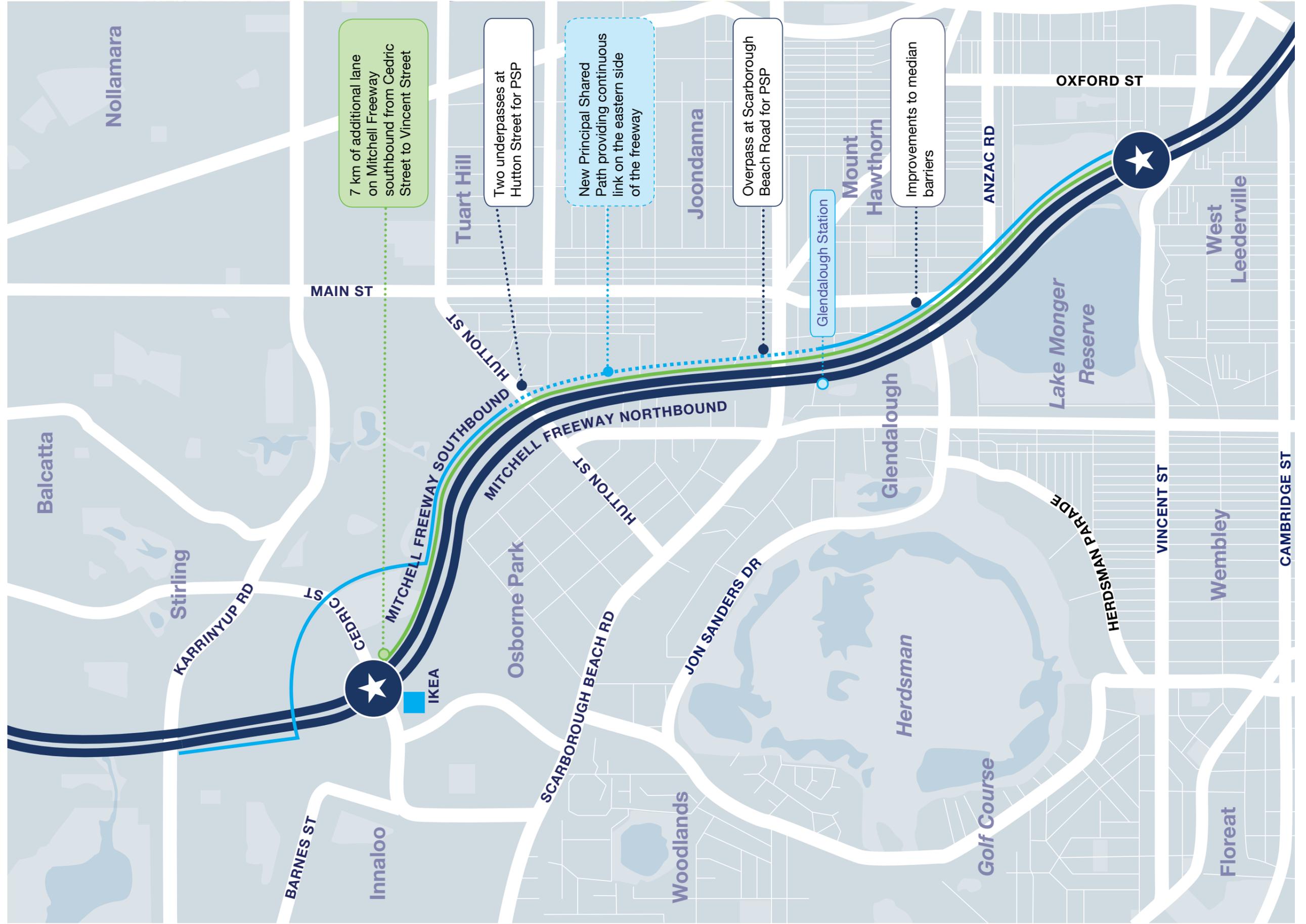
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Noise and screening walls

As a part of our project development activity, noise modelling has been undertaken to assess future levels of noise generated by freeway traffic.

Noise monitors have collected data at strategic locations across the 7km stretch of freeway, which is being used to determine the location and height of noise and screening walls.

Once the data has been analysed, we will consult property owners on the boundary of the freeway reserve to discuss the design.

Details will also be provided in future project newsletters.

Changed traffic conditions

Traffic management will be in place to allow the freeway to stay open for the duration of the construction works. During the daytime, the emergency lane will be the only lane affected. All other lanes will remain open.

Changes will include:

- Daytime works – reduced lane widths, reduced speed limits and sections of the southbound emergency lane will be closed.
- Night works – variable speed signs will be in place, and sections of the freeway southbound and emergency lane will be closed.
- Steel barriers to separate the works from motorists
- Temporary closure of the emergency lane, with replacement emergency stopping bays.



Speed limits are enforceable for the safety of the road users and construction workers.

Environment

When Main Roads built the Mitchell Freeway, it included landscaping to improve visual amenity.

The landscaping was always temporary and designed to make way for future freeway expansion.

With the widening of the freeway and installation of noise and screening walls, the removal of some freeway reserve vegetation is necessary.

Clearing will be restricted to complete the works and where the vegetation is not infected with die back, the timber will be recycled as mulch.

Upon completion of the works, a designed mix of native seeds and tube stock will be replanted, which over time, will soften the environment and improve visual amenity.

Community engagement

Engagement with the local community and road users has commenced. A Construction Reference Group of residents and businesses has been created and is already providing feedback to the project team.

A path user intercept survey was also conducted in August to gather feedback on user experience of the current Principal Shared Path. This feedback will be used to identify opportunities to improve shared path facilities on this project as well as other sections of the cycle network across Perth.

The project has teamed up with Westcycle to ensure cyclists receive relevant and timely information. You can register for email updates with Westcycle at www.westcycle.org.au

A community feedback survey has also been created to collect feedback and evaluate how the project is engaging with the local community. Visit the project's webpage to complete the survey: <https://project.mainroads.wa.gov.au/home>

Find out more, visit the project webpage, or contact Main Roads on 138 138 or at enquires@mainroads.wa.gov.au

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