

# Principal Shared Path (PSP) Detours Canning Highway to the Narrows Bridge

This fact sheet provides key information about the PSP closure and detours associated with the *Smart Freeway – Kwinana Northbound* project.

## Why we need to close the PSP

Construction work for the *Smart Freeway – Kwinana Northbound* project affects sections of the freeway and PSP between Canning Highway and the Narrows Bridge. Work will include piling, drainage, services provision and gantry installations, and will require some minor realignment of the shared path. Undertaking this work safely requires a temporary shared path closure.

## The planned detours

From 18 February 2019, the PSP was closed from Cale Street Footbridge to Hardy Street Footbridge, with a detour (Detour 1) in place via Melville Parade.

From mid May 2019\*, the closure will extend north to the Narrows Bridge, closing the complete PSP for up to four months. Detour 2 will be in place via Melville Parade and Mill Point Road.

From August 2019\*, the shared path north of Hardy Street will reopen, with Detour 1 being the only diversion in place.

*\*Dates are subject to change.*

Detour maps can be viewed [here](#).

## How we have reduced the timeframe of closures and detours

The construction program has been designed to reduce the extent and duration of shared path detours.

This review process has significantly reduced the length of time the detour will extend north of Hardy Street, via Mill Point Road, to the Narrows Bridge.

## Detour approvals

The detour has been reviewed and formally approved by an accredited Roadworks Traffic Manager and Main Roads, as per normal process.

## Who we have consulted with

The Alliance team delivering the project, which includes Main Roads, has liaised closely with stakeholders including the City of South Perth, Department of Transport (which has statewide responsibility for shared paths) and WestCycle as the peak cycling body, to finalise plans for the detour.

*It is important to note the detour route has been determined with consideration of all shared path users in mind. It takes into account the needs of young children, the elderly and people with disabilities, not only experienced cyclists.*

## What improvements/modifications we are making to the shared path during the closure

- Lowering existing manhole covers to the current pavement level, to make the journey smoother and safer.
- Slight realignment of the path to accommodate Smart Freeway gantries. These works will be resurfaced and will not create significant corners or blind spots.

## How we are raising awareness of the closures & detours

- Email notifications to project update subscribers, including project and cycling stakeholders.
- Advanced warning signage on the existing shared path prior to the closure.
- Installing signs on the closed section of path, including detour maps.
- Information and detour maps on Main Roads' website - [www.mainroads.wa.gov.au](http://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au).
- Information and detour maps on WestCycle's website - [www.westcycle.org.au](http://www.westcycle.org.au).



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### What has been done to enhance the detour route?

- Undertaken an independent audit of the detour, which includes input from WestCycle, to determine what other actions could enhance the detour.
- Built a new ramp to improve sightlines for cyclists and pedestrians crossing at South Terrace.
- Deployed advance warning signage (electronic message boards), as required.
- Engaged traffic controllers to assist with crossings at key intersections during peak periods, over the transition periods.
- Vegetation pruning along the detour route to remove any overhanging vegetation and improve sightlines.
- Sent a letter to residents and businesses along Melville Parade, advising they take extra caution when entering and exiting properties along the detour route.
- Installed temporary line marking and directional arrows on approach ramps to the footbridges and at the South Terrace crossing point.
- Additional/relocated detour signage.
- Pavement repairs and general maintenance of City of South Perth assets.
- Sweeping of route, as required.
- Relocated temporary fencing on footbridge ramps to sit outside the existing barrier, increasing space for PSP users.

### Information about the section of the detour between the freeway and the Royal Perth Golf Course

- This section is a shared path under jurisdiction of the City of South Perth. The surface condition is being regularly monitored for deterioration.
- The city has replaced the reflective markers on the bollards at each end of this section and removed the gate in this area, in consultation with the golf course.
- Signage has been installed to clearly identify this section as a shared path.

### Further advice for path users

- Cyclists are advised to 'ride to the conditions'.
- Cyclists may opt to use an alternative route.
- Pedestrian and cycling users of the detours, largely on footpaths, should pay extra attention to homeowners using their driveways.

### How to stay updated about PSP changes

To stay up to date with the project, subscribe to email notifications via our [project webpage](#).

We also have a 24/7 project information line if you have any feedback, concerns or questions. Call us on 138 138 or email [enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au).



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