In May 2017, the Australian and State governments announced $642 million towards seven major road projects for Perth’s southern suburbs with the Australian Government providing $527 million and the State Government providing $114.9 million.

The projects aimed to remove bottlenecks from our road network, improve access to and from Kwinana Freeway, and improve freeway capacity from Russell Road to the Narrows Bridge.

Since then, design and construction has ramped up with a number of the projects due for completion soon.

We thank the road users and surrounding community for their patience whilst we deliver these projects, as well as the reference groups and stakeholders whose input has been extremely valuable.

**Congestion relief coming in early 2020**

Three of the major projects in the southern suburbs will be completed and open to traffic in early 2020.

**Armadale Road Upgrade**
- Widening Armadale Road between Anstey Road and Tapper Avenue from one to two lanes in each direction, reducing congestion and improving journey times on the last remaining section of single carriageway on Armadale Road.
  - Completion, early 2020

**Kwinana Freeway Northbound Widening**
- Widening Kwinana Freeway northbound between Russell Road and Roe Highway from two to three lanes, removing a major bottleneck around Cockburn Central.
  - Completion, early 2020
Murdoch Drive Connection
- Extending Murdoch Drive from Farrington Road to Kwinana Freeway and Roe Highway to reduce congestion on South Street and improve access to Fiona Stanley Hospital and the Murdoch Activity Centre.
- Completion, early 2020

Construction progressing well
The four remaining southern suburbs projects are currently under construction and will be completed throughout 2020 and 2021.

Smart Freeways - Kwinana Freeway northbound
- Using Smart Freeway technology to create an additional lane from Canning Highway to the Narrows Bridge, and close and reopen lanes in response to incidents, while safely managing traffic flow at all times. Complementing this will be coordinated ramp signals from Farrington Road to Cranford Avenue to make merging easier and reducing stop-start traffic conditions.
- Completion, mid-2020

Kwinana Freeway southbound on-ramp from Manning Road
- A new on-ramp at Manning Road will improve access to Kwinana Freeway southbound and reduce congestion and rat running in South Perth.
- Completion, mid-2020

Karel Avenue Upgrade
- Widening the Karel Avenue bridge over Roe Highway to improve access to Jandakot Airport and the surrounding industrial area.
- Karel Avenue is also being widened from Farrington Road to Berrigan Drive, and the Karel Avenue bridge over the freight railway line is being extended to facilitate construction of the METRONET Thornlie-Cockburn Link.
- Completion, late 2020

Armadale Road to North Lake Road Bridge
- A bridge between Armadale Road and North Lake Road will bypass congestion at Cockburn Central and Gateway Shopping Centre, and improve access to Kwinana Freeway northbound.
- Completion, late 2021

Travel time benefits expected
The major projects in the southern suburbs were much needed to combat major congestion bottlenecks in and out of the fast growing area.

Performance data analysis was undertaken to understand the potential impact upon completion of all seven projects.

Kwinana Freeway northbound from Rowley Road to Narrows Bridge:
- Up to 21 minutes saved per road user for over 15,000 road users in the AM peak period.

Kwinana Freeway southbound from the intersection of Manning Road and Ley Street to Leach Highway:
- Up to 6 minutes saved per road user for over 1,500 road users in the PM peak period.

Roe Highway to Murdoch Drive (Murdoch Drive Connection):
- Up to 5 minutes saved per road user for over 3,800 road users in the AM peak period and up to 5 minutes saved per road user for over 2,600 road users in the PM peak period.

Kwinana Freeway to Anstey Road (Armadale Road Projects):
- Up to 5 minutes saved per road user for over 7,200 road users in the AM peak period and up to 3 minutes saved per road user for over 7,800 road users in the PM peak period.

Farrington Road to Berrigan Drive (Karel Avenue Bridge):
- Up to 1 minute saved per road user for 1,900 road users in the AM peak period and up to 1 minute saved per road user for 2,300 road users in the PM peak period.