

# Construction Update

## NorthLink WA - Central Section Reid Highway to Ellenbrook

**Great Northern Connect, a joint venture between BGC Contracting and Laing O'Rourke, is working in partnership with Main Roads to deliver the NorthLink WA central section. The \$1.02b NorthLink WA initiative is jointly funded by the Australian (\$821m) and Western Australian (\$204m) governments.**

We're now in the full swing of construction, with bulk earthworks, noise walls and bridges progressing at a tremendous pace. More than eight million tonnes of earth must be moved to build major interchanges and road carriageways that will become Perth's newest freight and transport route to the north.

Critical work is also underway to lay more than five million square metres of asphalt, which is more than 640,000 tonnes total.

It's going to be a busy year across the entire NorthLink WA central section site, and we're undertaking a range of changes to the local road network to keep traffic moving through construction.

### Local traffic network changes

We recognise changes to the local traffic and path network can cause short-term inconvenience and are working hard to ensure impacts to traffic and the local community are kept at a minimum while we build this vital transport link.

### Complete

<b>December 2017</b> Altone Road intersection upgrade	The intersection was upgraded to allow for Reid Highway to be upgraded to two lanes in each direction.
<b>January 2018</b> Beechboro / Noranda footbridge closure	The footbridge joining Noranda and Beechboro was removed in January, and work can commence to widen Tonkin Highway, tie-in the Tonkin / Reid Highway interchange, and build a new footbridge.
<b>February 2018</b> Hepburn Avenue closure	Upgrades were completed to the local traffic network, allowing for closure of Hepburn Avenue from Pass Way to Marshall Road in February.  Now we can build the Marshall Road flyover and Tonkin Highway carriageways alongside Ballajura with the least amount of disruption to traffic as possible.

### Coming Up

<b>March 2018</b> Traffic switched to new Reid Highway carriageways	Traffic will be switched to the new westbound carriageways of Reid Highway with one lane in each direction. We can then build the eastbound carriageways, making Reid Highway two lanes in each direction by mid-2019.
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Works underway on the new westbound Reid Highway carriageways

<b>April 2018</b> New temporary roundabout, Reid Highway / Beechboro Road North intersection	The traffic signals at Reid Highway / Beechboro Road North will be replaced by a temporary roundabout. Traffic modelling using real-time data has shown a roundabout will bring an improvement in intersection performance, and allow safe construction of the Beechboro Road North flyover.
<b>Mid to Late 2018</b> Reid Highway / Tonkin Highway intersection works	From mid-2018, a temporary roundabout will replace traffic signals at the Reid Highway / Tonkin Highway intersection, and traffic will be switched onto the new Reid Highway alignment. From late-2018, ramps will progressively open to traffic.
<b>Mid 2019</b> All interchanges and carriageways complete	We are on track for completion of NorthLink WA by mid-2019, with some sections of the new roadway expected to open before then.
<b>Winter 2019</b> Landscaping	More than two million trees and 800kg of seed will be used in landscaping for NorthLink WA.

\*All dates are approximate and more information will be provided closer to the time of these important changes.



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## Noise walls nearing completion on property boundaries

Significant progress has been made to complete noise walls located on residential and property boundaries at Ballajura, Bennett Springs and Beechboro.

With more than 250 residents directly affected by noise walls, we appreciate the understanding, patience and cooperation shown by those affected throughout this challenging process.

The process continues with painting now underway and acrylic panels to be installed in the coming months. We will begin the installation of noise walls at Ellenbrook and those not on property boundaries at Beechboro later in the year.



Painted noise walls along Ballajura

## We're on Facebook

In December, we proudly launched a Facebook group to allow social media users another way to find out more about NorthLink WA. Stay up to date with upcoming works by joining.

Simply visit [www.facebook.com/groups/NorthLinkWA](https://www.facebook.com/groups/NorthLinkWA), or search NorthLink WA Community Group on Facebook. We look forward to you joining us.

### WANT MORE INFORMATION?

As we progress through construction, watch out for construction updates, newsletters and notifications in your letter box. We recommend joining our Facebook Group and signing up to receive updates direct to your email inbox at the Stay Updated link on [www.northlinkwa.com.au](http://www.northlinkwa.com.au).

For more construction related information about NorthLink WA central section, email [info@gncjv.com.au](mailto:info@gncjv.com.au) or call **1800 874 998**.

## Farewell Footbridge



Works to dismantle the footbridge at Tonkin Highway, Beechboro

We have removed the footbridge joining Noranda and Beechboro over Tonkin Highway, allowing works to switch traffic while we widen Tonkin Highway and build new on and off ramps as part of the Reid / Tonkin Highway interchange. The old footbridge was purchased by the City of Mandurah.

We will be constructing a new footbridge which will be wider and have straight ramps, making it safer for pedestrians, cyclists and other path users.

Most works to remove the old footbridge were completed over a weekend and required a Western Power shut-down and closures of lanes on Tonkin Highway to allow for safe demolition of footings, dismantling of beams and loading for haulage.

Path users are being detoured over the new Benara Road flyover and more information is available on our website.

## Managing the impacts of construction

We understand living or working near a large construction site like NorthLink WA can be challenging. Construction sometimes causes unwelcome impacts, like noise, dust and vibration. NorthLink WA will bring great benefits for the local community and greater Perth, and there is still lots of work to do before it opens in mid 2019.

We take our responsibility to the community seriously, and we operate with a number of management plans which outline how we manage all aspects of construction.

We do the best we can to minimise issues for our neighbours, and have many measures in place. If you are feeling excessive construction impacts, please call us as soon as possible on **1800 874 998**. We will take action to address your concerns with the construction team right away.



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