

Australia Roads and Infrastructure

## WA spend \$3.2B on roads

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The WA 2018-19 State Budget has allocated \$3.2 billion into the state's road infrastructure and maintenance.

The investment aims to reduce congestion, improve safety and create thousands of jobs across WA through a variety of regional and metropolitan road projects.

New projects include a \$15 million widening upgrade of the Mitchell Freeway northbound, and a \$125 investment to extend Stephenson Avenue between Scarborough Beach Road and the Mitchell Freeway.

Other projects that have either started recently or about to start construction include:

- \$145 million for the duplication of Armadale Road between Anstey Road and Tapper Road.
- \$86 million for the provision of a bridge at the intersection of Roe Highway and Kalamunda Road.
- \$40 million for widening the southbound lanes of Mitchell Freeway between Cedric and Vincent streets.
- \$115 million for bridges at the intersection of Wanneroo Road and Ocean Reef Road, and Wanneroo Road and Joondalup Drive.
- \$70 million for the duplication of Reid Highway between Altone Road and West Swan Road.

The investment into regional road includes \$70 million to deliver safety upgrades for areas with a high risk of road accidents.

Funding for a further 18 projects was also included in the 2018-19 WA Budget.

- \$347 million for a range of upgrades on the Great Northern Highway from Muchea to Wubin.
- \$65.7 million to complete the construction of the remaining 90 kilometres of unsealed sections of the Broome-Cape Leveque Road.
- \$30 million for upgrades to the South Coast Highway between Albany and Jerramungup.
- \$50 million for Stage 3 of the Karratha-Tom Price Road improvement project.
- \$35 million to progress planning for Stages 2 and 3 of the Albany Ring Road.
- \$17 million to continue upgrades to Great Eastern Highway on priority sections identified in the Wheatbelt Safety Review.

- \$20 million to widen a 58-kilometre section of Indian Ocean Drive to allow a greater centre separation between traffic and reduce the risk of off-path and head-on crashes.

A further \$1.8 billion will be devoted to road maintenance expenditure between 2018-19 and 2021-22.

WA Transport Minister Rita Saffioti said busting congestion, improving safety and creating more jobs remain the WA Government's primary focus when it comes to spending.

"Congested roads impede the movement of commuters and business, and ladders industry with tens of millions of dollars in added operating costs," Ms Saffioti said.

"The new priority projects are important for WA's road network and we have already successfully secured Federal funding for them. As that work is completed, the timing of the projects will be determined, but importantly further Federal funding will also be sought from existing Federal Government infrastructure programs."