

Temporary closure of Whatley Crescent (west) King William Street to Garratt Road – FAQs

When will Whatley Crescent be temporarily closed?

Whatley Crescent will be temporarily closed from King William Street to Garratt Road from early October to mid-December 2021.

Why is Whatley Crescent being temporarily closed?

With the addition of the Morley-Ellenbrook Line interface, the original Bayswater Station Project scope was extended. To accommodate this, a major sewer line needs to be relocated beneath Whatley Crescent, requiring the temporary closure of the road.

Why couldn't these works have taken place over a phased approach with partial road closures?

This approach was considered, and would have been more disruptive to the community. Closing the road saves around two months to complete the works and is safer for vehicles and construction workers.

What works are being done during the temporary closure of Whatley Crescent?

Essential works will be completed including relocating a sewer main to the middle of the road, completing turnback infrastructure, building final road configuration including a new shared path and drainage network, upgrading the southern section of the Leake Street underpass and lifting new bridge beams into place.

Will the King William Street/Coode Street intersection be closed?

Yes, during this time the intersection will be temporarily closed for two shorter periods, to allow cranes to be set up for the lifting and placing of bridge beams for the new bridge overpass. The dates for these closures are not yet known.

Why can't the King William Street/Coode Street intersection closure be scheduled until after Christmas?

We are currently reviewing the bridge lift plan and transportation plan, to investigate how we can minimise the impact on local businesses. To meet the "critical path" of the construction schedule, we must do at least some of this work before Christmas, and we are investigating whether we can hold the second closure after the New Year.

Will cyclists and pedestrians be able to access Whatley Crescent during the closure?

Yes, pedestrian access and a shared path detour route along Whatley Crescent will be maintained at all times during the closure.

What traffic management measures will be put in place to prevent traffic congestion and rat-running?

We are currently working with Main Roads WA, City of Bayswater and a traffic management specialist company who are in the process of developing the design for temporary traffic management with a focus on minimising traffic congestion.

What are the proposed traffic detours?

Final traffic detours are still being finalised and will be approved by Main Roads WA and the City of Bayswater.

Will there be any night works during the closure?

Yes, it's anticipated there will be some night works and residents will be notified in advance.

Will emergency service vehicles still be able to access resident's properties?

Yes, we have consulted with the WA Police, St John's Ambulance and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services to ensure they are able to access properties in the event of an emergency.

Will there be more traffic wardens in place near impacted primary schools?

We are working with the City of Bayswater and WA Police to temporarily relocate the traffic warden from the children's crossing on Whatley Crescent near Leake Street. We are also working with impacted primary schools to ensure the safety of children, particularly during school pick-up and drop-off times.

Will the Leake Street underpass be closed during the school term?

Works to the Leake Street underpass will take place during the December school holidays for 10 days while the southern section is upgraded.

What upgrades are being made to the Leake Street underpass during the closure?

Upgrades to the Leake Street underpass will make it safer and more accessible by widening and raising it and installing more lighting.

What will be the impacts on students using the 999 and 998 bus routes to travel to and from John Forrest Secondary College and Chisholm Catholic College?

Students travelling to John Forrest Secondary and Chisholm Catholic colleges will still be able to travel to school using the 999 and 998 bus routes. Transperth are currently preparing diversion routes and timetables.

Will businesses along Whatley Crescent still be open for trading during the closure?

Yes, businesses will still be open for trading and we encourage the community to continue supporting them.

Will construction work at the Bayswater Station continue during the road closure?

Yes.

Will residents on Whatley Crescent be able to access their properties during the temporary closure?

Yes, local road access will always be maintained for any residents who do not have rear access to their property.

Is a right-hand turn arrow being installed at the King William Street/Guildford Road intersection?

The traffic management specialist has prepared a signal modification plan to allow for a right-hand turn at the King William/Guildford Road intersection. We are currently waiting for feedback from Main Roads WA on this plan.