PROBLEM DESCRIPTION

The Tonkin Highway, south of Roe Highway, is a primary distributor with two lanes in each direction with at grade intersections. At grade intersections compromise safety and efficiency on this high volume route.

The Tonkin Highway carries a significant amount of freight, which is expected to increase in the future. Increased population in Perth has underpinned growth in demand and congestion on the transport network. This growth has also increased the volume of containerised freight, which is expected to continue in the future, placing further pressure on transport infrastructure in the area. Tonkin Highway corridor capacity has been listed as a priority initiative by Infrastructure Australia.

The project will construct grade separations at Kelvin, Welshpool and Hale Roads, which are the highest priority intersections requiring upgrade on the route. The project is estimated to support 1,540 direct and indirect jobs.

The Australian Government has committed a further $110 million as part of the 2019-20 Budget in addition to the $183 million previously committed to this project.

This project is expected to be funded on an 80:20 basis with the Western Australian Government.

BENEFITS

- Improve freight efficiency, connectivity and travel time.
- Improve road safety and reduce congestion for all road users.