Tonkin Highway Stage 3 Extension

**State/Territory:** Western Australia  
**Proposed AG funding:** $404.0 million

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Mode</th>
<th>Major freight route</th>
<th>Major Commuter corridor</th>
<th>Commercial precinct</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>![train]</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>x</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**PROBLEM**

The Tonkin Highway is a 45km north-south highway connecting Reid Highway to Thomas Road, Oakford. It connects the south-east corridor with the north-west and north-east corridors of the Perth metropolitan area.

The south-east corridor is an important and fast growing area faced with increased congestion, higher travel times for freight vehicles and reduced safety outcomes on the existing road network. Population projections show that by 2031, sustained growth in the south-east sub-region will increase by 35 per cent from the 2008 base level. This additional population will put significant pressure on the existing road network with volumes exceeding recommended capacity. Tonkin Highway corridor capacity has been listed as a priority initiative by Infrastructure Australia.

The project will extend the Tonkin Highway from Thomas Road to the South Western Highway, including at grade separations at Thomas, Orton, and Mundijong Roads and South Western Highway, as well as a grade separated interchange at Bishop Road. The project is estimated to support 2,100 direct and indirect jobs.

The Australian Government has committed a further $151.5 million to this project as part of the 2019-20 Budget, in addition to the $252.5 million previously committed in the 2018-19 Budget.

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.