

PRINCIPAL SHARED PATH TO BE DELIVERED AS PART OF TONKIN HIGHWAY EXTENSION

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Planning and Infrastructure Minister Alannah MacTiernan today announced that the principal shared path between Corfield Street in Gosnells and Armadale Road in Forrestdale would be built as part of the Tonkin Highway extension.

"Earlier this year, the State Government had to make the difficult decision to defer some of the proposed works, as the \$140million project budget needed to be preserved," Ms MacTiernan said.

"However, as the provision of space for cyclists and pedestrians is an essential part of any major project, I asked Main Roads to find ways to fund the principal shared path as part of the initial works.

"I am pleased to say that funding has been identified on Main Roads' program, which will ensure that construction of the path will proceed as part of the extension project.

"This facility will be of enormous benefit to the residents of Gosnells and Armadale and is also a tangible demonstration of the Government's commitment to improving safety and social infrastructure in areas that have been long neglected."

The design and construct contract for the Tonkin Highway extension was awarded in January 2003 to the John Holland Macmahon Joint Venture and will see Tonkin Highway extended from Mills Road West in Martin to Armadale Road by 2004 and to Thomas Road in Byford by 2006.

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