

Media Release



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Construction Update on Pacific Highway at Bonville

Work is progressing well on the upgrade of the Pacific Highway at Bonville with work underway on 14 of the project's 19 bridges being built.

On the longest of these, the 164 metre Bonville Creek bridge, construction of bored piles is progressing well.

Work on the \$245 million, 9.6 kilometre long project started last November; it is due to open to traffic in the second half of next year.

Construction work is in full swing with a combined workforce of around 350 currently on site.

This includes 8 RTA staff, 170 contractors and 175 subcontractors and suppliers.

By the time the project is complete, there will be:

- More than one million cubic metres of earthworks
- 19 bridges built
- 110,000 cubic metres of concrete pavement
- 25,000 cubic metres of concrete in the bridges and other drainage structures
- 19 km of drainage pipes
- 200,000 tonnes of aggregates and sand, and
- Tens of thousands of trees and shrubs to be planted.

Over the next three months work will start on concrete paving from Overhead Bridge Road through to Bonville Station Road.

There will also be continuing earthworks along the main route west of the speed camera near Mailmans Track as well as ongoing work on the 19 bridges, including piling and the pouring of concrete piers, abutments and decks.

Earthworks will also be finalised from Williams Road through to Lyons Road.

Local motorists will also encounter changed traffic conditions from later this month.

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