

William Street Footbridge Closure

Roe Street access closes Wednesday 24 August 2011

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Sinking the Fremantle Line from William Street to Lake/King Street is the first stage of the Perth City Link – a Federal, State and Local Government project to connect the CBD and Northbridge and redevelop the heart of Perth.

The rail project is being delivered by the Perth City Link Rail Alliance.

The first work the Alliance will undertake is the partial removal of the William Street railway footbridge, known as the Western Concourse, which connects Roe and Wellington streets.

Description of the works

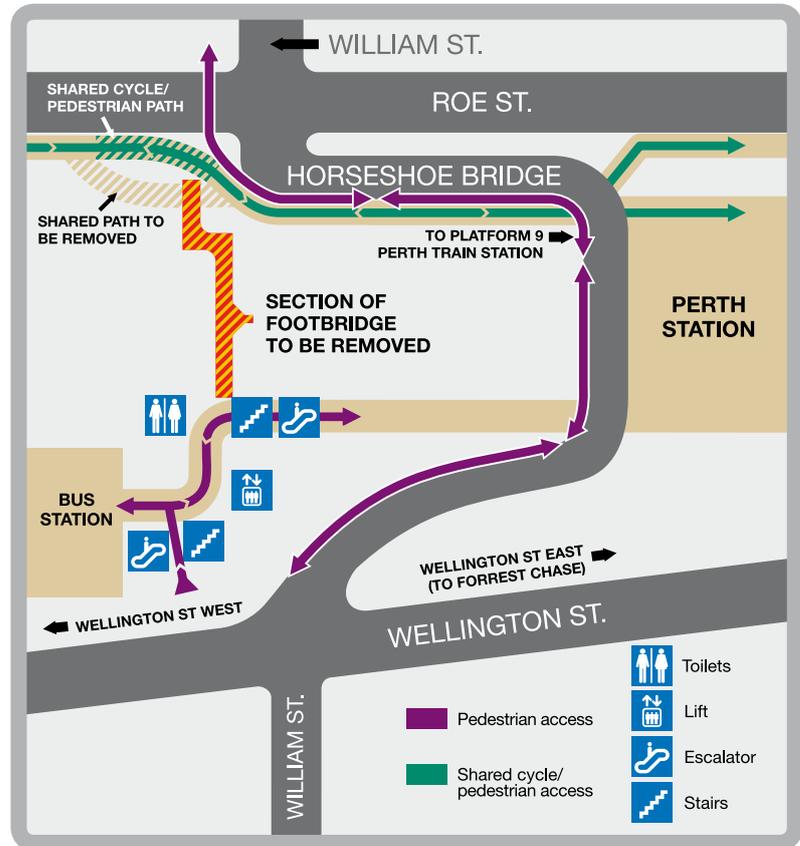
The William Street railway footbridge will permanently close at the Roe Street end from 24 August 2011. The southern end, including the Wellington Street stairs and escalator, public toilets, and connection from the Wellington Street Bus Station to the southern-most escalator to Perth Station will remain open (see map).

The Roe Street shared pedestrian and cycle path, which runs under the Roe Street escalator will be relocated for about 20 metres to accommodate the removal of the Western Concourse.

Impact on pedestrians and cyclists

Pedestrians can connect between the CBD and Northbridge using footpaths on the Horseshoe Bridge, the Milligan Street railway footbridge and the Eastern Concourse that connects the Perth Cultural Centre with Forrest Chase.

Temporary modifications will be made to the Horseshoe Bridge to safely accommodate the increased number of pedestrians. This includes removing part of the balustrade at the Roe Street end, which will be reinstated at the end of the rail project, to



assist pedestrian flow onto the bridge footpath. A pedestrian crossing will also be installed at the top of the bridge.

Changes to the Roe Street shared pedestrian and cycle path include closing the section under the footbridge and redirecting pedestrians and cyclists closer to Roe Street. Apart from this deviation of about 20 metres, the shared path will be unaffected.

Duration

It will take about two months to remove the closed section of the Western Concourse.

Why

Removing the footbridge allows the Fremantle Line to be relocated so train services can be maintained throughout the life of the rail project. The Fremantle Line is being relocated so the new tunnel can be constructed.



Frequently Asked Questions

When will the rail project be completed?

The rail project for Perth City Link will be completed in 2014, when the new Fremantle Line tunnel is operational.

If the project isn't completed until 2014, why is the footbridge being removed now?

The footbridge is in the path of where the temporary Fremantle Line will be located. Relocating the line allows services to continue while the Fremantle Line tunnel is constructed. The new tunnel will be built along the alignment of the current Fremantle Line.

What route will I take once the William Street footbridge closes?

From 24 August 2011, pedestrians along William Street will use footpaths on the Horseshoe Bridge to make the Roe Street to Wellington Street connection. Pedestrians can also use the walkway (known as the Eastern Concourse) that connects the Cultural Centre to Forrest Chase and the Milligan Street footbridge to walk between Northbridge and the CBD.

How much longer will it take to use the Horseshoe Bridge compared to the footbridge?

Using the Horseshoe Bridge will add two to three minutes to your journey time. Please plan your journey to arrive in time to connect with public transport services at Perth Train Station or Wellington Street Bus Station.

Why isn't a temporary walkway being installed?

Creating a temporary walkway that meets Australian safety standards and includes escalators would add significant cost to the project and extend the completion date. Providing a construction area for the tunnel that is clear of an overhead footbridge enables the project to be delivered in a more economic and efficient way.

Why couldn't you create a pedestrian level crossing?

A level crossing would cross the tunnel construction site.

Once the tunnel is constructed will a level crossing be established?

Once the tunnel is operational in 2014, street level pedestrian access will be in place.

Once the Roe Street access to the footbridge is closed, how do I get to Perth Train Station and the Wellington Street Bus Station?

Perth Train Station can still be accessed from the Eastern Concourse, Wellington Street, and the Roe Street entrance to Platform 9. People in Northbridge who need to catch a bus from Wellington Street Bus Station will use the Horseshoe Bridge to access the bus station from the stairs and escalator from Wellington Street.

People transferring between train services and bus services that operate from Wellington Street Bus Station can use the southern (Wellington Street) end of the Western Concourse.

Will the connection between the Wellington Street Bus Station and Perth Train Station be affected by this work?

No. The Wellington Street section of the footbridge will remain open. This includes the stairs and escalator from Wellington Street and the stairs and escalator from the Wellington Street end of the footbridge to Perth Station.

Will be the public toilets on the footbridge remain open?

Yes. There is no change to the access to the public toilets.

What happens to the part of the Horseshoe Bridge balustrade that's being removed?

The section of balustrade being removed to improve pedestrian flow will be reinstated once the street-level crossing between Roe Street and Wellington Street opens at the project's completion. The Perth City Link Rail Alliance is

undertaking a photo archival record of the bridge and will liaise with the Heritage Council of WA to ensure the bridge is reinstated to its original condition.

When will the demolition works taking place?

Much of the demolition work will occur during working hours. The large span over the railway will be removed at night to minimise the impact to the public and train services.

How will you manage noise during your night works?

All work will comply with a City of Perth approved Noise Management Plan. Noise management measures may include using the quietest equipment available where possible and advising nearby residents and businesses a minimum of one week before work starts.

How will I know where to go?

The Perth City Link Rail Alliance will install signs to help people understand the changes and find alternative routes.

Cyclists will be notified of the changes to the shared path near the Horseshoe Bridge via cycling groups, new signs along Roe Street and the placement of bollards to guide cyclists along the re-routed path. Notifications for the changes will also be communicated via local media, cycling groups and other stakeholders

I have accessibility difficulties, how will I make the Roe Street to Wellington Street connection?

The Horseshoe Bridge is not Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant, and as a heritage listed structure, modifications can't be made. People with accessibility difficulties are encouraged to use the Eastern Concourse that connects the Cultural Centre with Forrest Chase, which is the current option as the William Street footbridge is not DDA compliant.

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