





PARADISE PARK 'N' RIDE

PROJECT NEWSLETTER - June 2020

The State Government is investing in a better public transport network and is committed to delivering increased connectivity, faster and more reliable travel options and increased use of public transport.

The State Government has committed \$33.5 million to expand O-Bahn Park 'n' Rides. The key aim of the project is to increase public transport usage.

Car park progress update

The Paradise Park 'n' Ride Project is well on track for completion later this year, despite the recent wet weather and social distancing requirements.

- The new bus entry and exit lanes between the interchange and Gameau Road are complete and in operation.
- Works have been undertaken to manage local stormwater with new pipes laid and connected into the existing system.
- The majority of kerbing is now complete, which has allowed for vegetation planting to occur in the irrigated garden beds.
- Electrical works continue with the installation of permanent LED lighting and Closed Circuit TV cameras, increasing safety and security at the Paradise Interchange.

Five major concrete pours have also been undertaken over the past two months including the deck and car park ramp.

Large cranes have been in operation to install various elements of the project, including pre-cast concrete panels, LED lighting and stairwell roofing.

Paving construction continues and a new, larger bike cage has been installed and will be opened to the public at 1pm on 29 June.



To date, the project includes:

- 1,700 cubic metres of concrete pumped and placed.
- 150 tonnes of reinforced steel.
- 23 tonnes of post tensioning cables installed.
- 6,500 tonnes of quarry materials imported to site.
- 1,000 tonnes of asphalt laid.
- 10.000 tonnes of material removed from site.
- Over 1 kilometre of kerb installed.



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Access for pedestrians and cyclists

Pedestrian access between the Paradise Interchange and Gameau Road is currently available via the new pathway located between the bus exit and entry lanes.

Community Wildlife Project

To increase habitat in the local area and to offset the necessary removal of vegetation, the PTP Alliance will be implementing a Community Wildlife Project.

The Community Wildlife Project is an initiative that seeks to involve local communities in helping to offset the loss of wildlife habitat that may be caused by necessary vegetation removals associated with construction projects.

Bringing back the butterflies

The PTP Alliance has developed a tailored Community Wildlife Project program as part of the Paradise Park 'n' Ride Project, focusing on butterfly-attracting vegetation initiatives to help ameliorate a loss of indigenous flora and fauna in the project area.

Increasing the number and type of native plants will enhance local biodiversity and target the suite of floral species to specifically attract butterflies - which will further enhance the project outcomes.

Butterflies are important insects that assist in pollination of flowers, fruit and vegetables. Butterflies are also important indicators of healthy ecosystems, with many plants that attract butterflies, also attracting bees and birds. Local food systems also rely on butterflies to feed bats, birds and reptiles (*Department of Environment and Water*, 2018).



This project provides an opportunity to use plants that attract native butterflies and bees as a contribution to the replenishment of native flora and fauna.

If you are interested in being involved and learning more about how the project team are working to increase local habitat, please register your interest by the 31 July, via the project contact details below to be involved.

For further information, please visit the project website to download a copy of the *Vegetation and Community Wildlife Project Fact Sheet*.







Project construction hours

The majority of works outside of normal construction work hours (Monday to Saturday, between the hours of 7am and 5pm) are now complete. Some out of hours works may be required, and if so, advance notice will be provided to local stakeholders.

Every effort will continue to be made to minimise impacts to nearby residents, O-Bahn users, cyclists, pedestrians and other road users as much as practically possible during construction.

COVID-19: An important message to our stakeholders

To continue to deliver these important infrastructure works and safeguard the workers and the community, we have implemented measures to manage our response to, and stop the spread of, COVID-19.

Measures include increased hygiene requirements and implementing social distancing protocols both on site and in the project offices.

We would like to keep you informed

If you have any questions, would like to speak to a member of the project team, to register for updates or to be involved in the community Wildlife Project, please contact the project team on the details provided below.



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