

Old Vasse Road Upgrade Project Seeking Community Feedback



The Shire of Manjimup is planning to upgrade Old Vasse Road, a 9.42km rural road with traffic volume of 122-140 vehicles/day (2020 data).

Old Vasse Road starts at the intersection of Vasse Highway as a Y junction and finishes at the intersection of Pemberton-Northcliffe Road.

This project aims to improve road safety and accessibility for residents and businesses along the route.

Current Road Conditions:

- Unsealed gravel road.
- No designated speed limit (no limits can be set on gravel roads under current legislation).
- Typical speed: 60-70km/h (light vehicles), 50-60km/h (trucks).
- Rural road mostly forested on both verges with large remnant Karri trees 2-3 metres from the edge of the traffic lane.
- Provides access to 27 farms, residences and including chalets and farm cottages.

Project Details:

- Upgrade to a 6.0 metre wide bitumen sealed pavement with 1.0 metre gravel shoulders and batters to a maximum of 3:1.
- Estimated total cost in today's money: \$6,580,000. One third Shire funds, two thirds State Government road grant funds (not including estimated cost of necessary upgrades to the highway intersections at both ends of the road, these costs are expected to be significant).
- Timeline: Up to 10 years (subject to approvals).

Project Considerations:

- The following considerations are managed by State Government and typically take one or two years or more to resolve:
 - The upgrade will require adjustments to the road boundaries at 12 locations.
 - Consultation with Aboriginal Cultural Heritage is ongoing.
 - Clearing permits for native vegetation removal are needed (up to 18 trees identified for the initial 1km section).

Current Work Program:

- Upgrading a 1km section starting from Hawke Road towards Vasse Highway.
- No road boundary adjustments needed in this section.
- No Aboriginal Cultural Heritage considerations although consultation is ongoing.
- Removal of 18 trees identified for intersection improvement and initial road section.

How to Provide Feedback:

The Shire is seeking your feedback on this project. Please submit your written comments to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Manjimup, PO Box 1, Manjimup WA 6258 or email to <u>info@manjimup.wa.gov.au</u> by 5pm on 2 August 2024

For more details:

Please visit the Shire's website for more information on the project <u>www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/consultations</u>

Map showing location of old Vasse Road

