

Karratha Tom Price Road



When complete the Karratha Tom Price Road will improve **safety and efficiency** for all road users, creating **social and economic opportunities** for the local community and the broader Pilbara region.

The Australian (\$248m) and State (\$62m) Governments have committed a total of \$310m for the completion of the Karratha Tom Price Road, Stages 3 and 4.

Progress on Stage 3 is tracking well with a 38km section of the subbase material placed and compacted. The importation of basecourse is ongoing with approximately 2km of basecourse being placed, mixed and compacted, awaiting trimming.

So far, 24 culverts for drainage structures have been completed, with rock protection currently underway.

At the Millstream Road intersection, the sub base layer has been constructed.

Sealing of the first section is expected to commence in mid-May 2020. There was a considerable amount of repair work required after cyclone Damien battered the Pilbara in February 2020, as such, the project is now on track for completion in August 2020.

Did you know?

- A total of 4,400 tonnes of concrete will be poured for the project, with over 1,500 tonnes poured to date.
- Over 153,220 tonnes of pavement material has been imported to date
- The workforce of 100 has employed a total of six Aboriginal Employees and one Aboriginal trainee.
- To date the project has spent 9% total contract spend with Aboriginal businesses, which equates to over \$3.5m

Impact to local and visitor traffic

With assistance from Rio Tinto, public traffic has been shifted to a parallel detour track during the construction period to ensure safety for the travelling public.

All traffic is detoured via the Rio Tinto Iron Ore Rail Maintenance Track for the duration of works.

To access the RTIO Rail Maintenance Track, an **Access Permit must be acquired**. You can obtain this via the Rio Tinto website: pilbararailaccessroad.riotinto.com. **Please note, this permit must be obtained PRIOR to commencing your journey, permits cannot be granted when you reach the detour.**

The permit is valid for **one month**, and is at no cost to road users.

Access to Millstream Road is being maintained during construction under speed restrictions.

Safety first

The current detour onto the RTIO Access Track moves traffic onto an unsealed road. Main Roads encourages all road users to:

- Drive to the conditions specified on the RTIO permit.
- Drive within the speed limit and to the road conditions.
- It is advised to drive with your lights on.

Want to find out more?

If you would like to keep updated on the progress of the Karratha Tom Price project, please subscribe to updates on the [Main Roads website](#)

