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H2H Joint Venture (WBHO Infrastructure and NRW Contracting) named Preferred Proponent for Mitchell Freeway Southbound Upgrade Hodges Drive to Hepburn Avenue Project

H2H, a Joint Venture between WBHO Infrastructure and NRW Contracting, is pleased to announce it has been named as the preferred proponent to deliver a series of upgrades to the Mitchell Freeway southbound, which will reduce congestion and improve safety.

The Mitchell Freeway Southbound Upgrade Hodges Drive to Hepburn Avenue Project for Main Roads includes the widening of key bottlenecks on the Mitchell Freeway, rolling out Smart Freeway Technology for coordinated ramp signaling and upgrading the Principal Shared Path network.

The project scope includes the investigation, design and construction of a third southbound lane to be added from Hodges Drive to Hepburn Avenue and a fourth lane will be added from Hepburn Avenue to Warwick Road. A combination of new and upgraded Principal Shared Paths will be delivered to provide users with a high standard route between Ocean Reef Road and Warwick Train Station with minimal interruptions and better separation from other traffic. All connections, modifications and improvements necessary to link the works to the existing road network will be performed along with the integration of smart technologies for coordinated ramp signaling from Hester Avenue to Warwick Road. The project also includes the relocation and modification of services and the installation of 6 PTA rail access gates.

Commenting on the announcement, WBHO-I's Executive General Manager, Will Grobler, said "We are pleased to announce that H2H Joint Venture have been named as the Preferred Proponent for the Mitchell Freeway Southbound Upgrade – Hodges Drive to Hepburn Avenue Project. The announcement builds on the recent successful delivery of the Wanneroo Road Ocean Reef Road Interchange Project. We look forward to continuing our relationship with Main Roads and working with our JV partner to apply our complementary skillsets specific to this project."

The Project is fully funded by the State and Commonwealth Governments for \$76 million and will be the first Main Roads Project to be delivered under the NEC4 Engineering and Construction Contract.

The final contract is expected to be awarded in the coming weeks with early works to commence in Q2 2021 and is expected to have a duration of two (2) years. During construction, the project will provide significant direct and indirect employment opportunities benefitting the State and local community.

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