



Early work is underway at the Kenwick rail freight facility. The early utility protection works are being undertaken by APA on behalf of the Public Transport Authority (PTA). These early works are expected to be completed mid-2018 and will enable earthworks to begin later this year before construction on the facility starts in early-2019.

Land

In order to relocate the existing rail freight operator from Midland an adequate single area of land was required. Kenwick was identified as the most suitable location for the rail freight facility and with insufficient government-owned land available in the area the PTA needed to acquire land.

The final required section of land was acquired in 2017 allowing forward works to begin on the site earlier this year.

As you may be aware the location of the Kenwick rail freight facility sat within an area which was earmarked to be rezoned as part of the planned Maddington Kenwick Strategic Employment Area. This rezoning from rural to industrial occurred in late-2016 and was taken into account by the PTA in the land acquisition process.



Photo: Existing rail freight facility which will be relocated to Kenwick.



CONSTRUCTION

With tender award expected later this year, construction is likely to begin early in 2019. The facility will be built by a contractor on behalf of the PTA.

Using a Design and Construct contract model means once a contractor is appointed detailed design work can begin with construction of the facility starting soon after.

During construction of the facility, most of the work will take place between normal construction hours (7am -7pm Monday to Saturday). Residents will be notified in advance if any out-of-hours work is required.

More detail of construction timelines and management of potential impacts will be provided once the contract is awarded.



ENVIRONMENT

The location of the site is mostly cleared pasture land which had been earmarked and subsequently rezoned to industrial redevelopment.

Although the site is close to the Greater Brixton Street Wetlands, which is reserved as a Bush Forever site, this has been taken into account and the facility has been specifically designed to avoid the Greater Brixton Street Wetlands.

In the past year noise and vibration assessments were undertaken at the site along with the removal, and safe disposal, of asbestos at properties that make up the site.

The PTA is currently reviewing noise and vibration assessment reports.

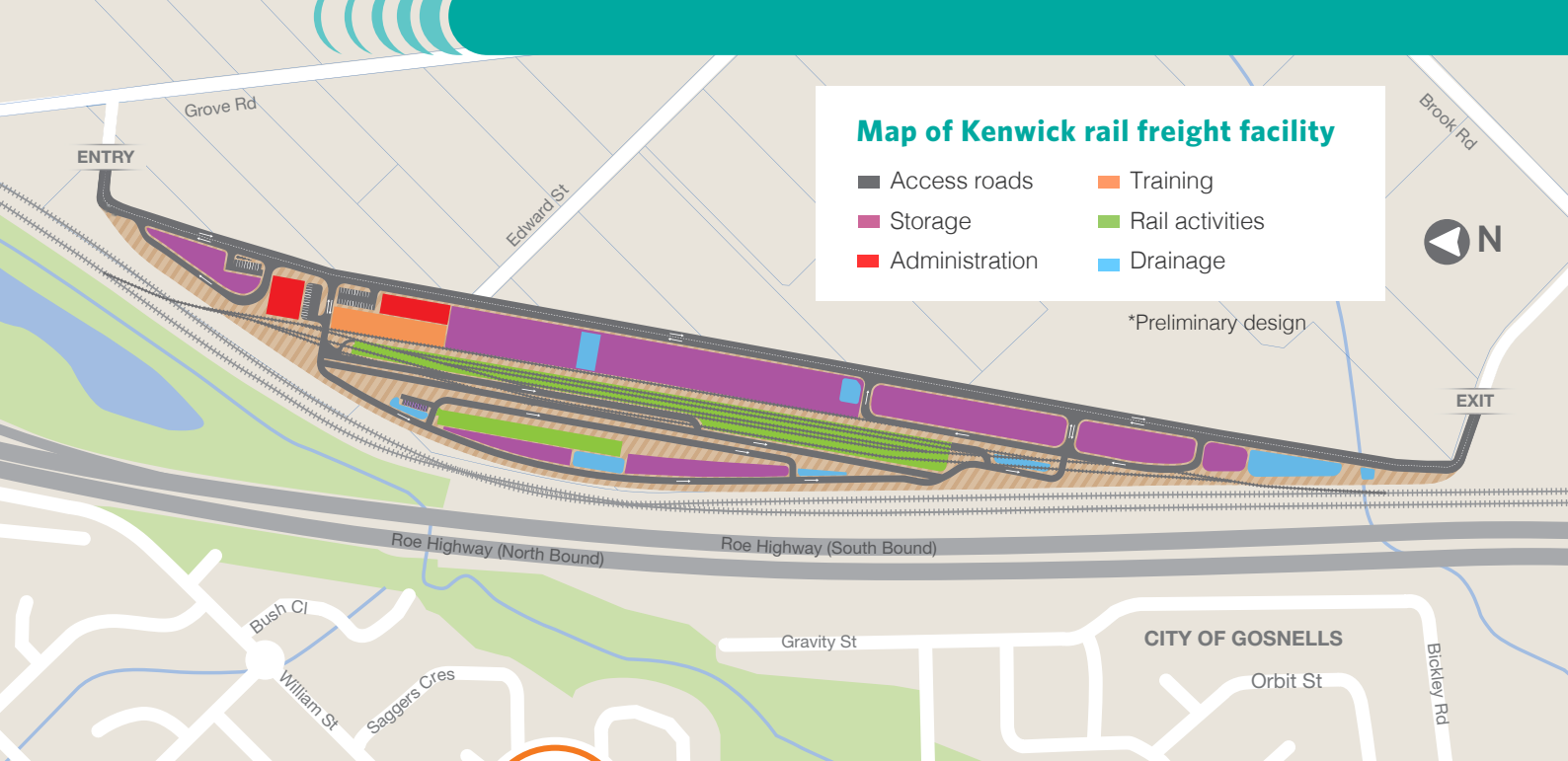


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Kenwick rail freight facility

The new facility will be built and owned by the PTA and included as part of the existing rail freight lease.

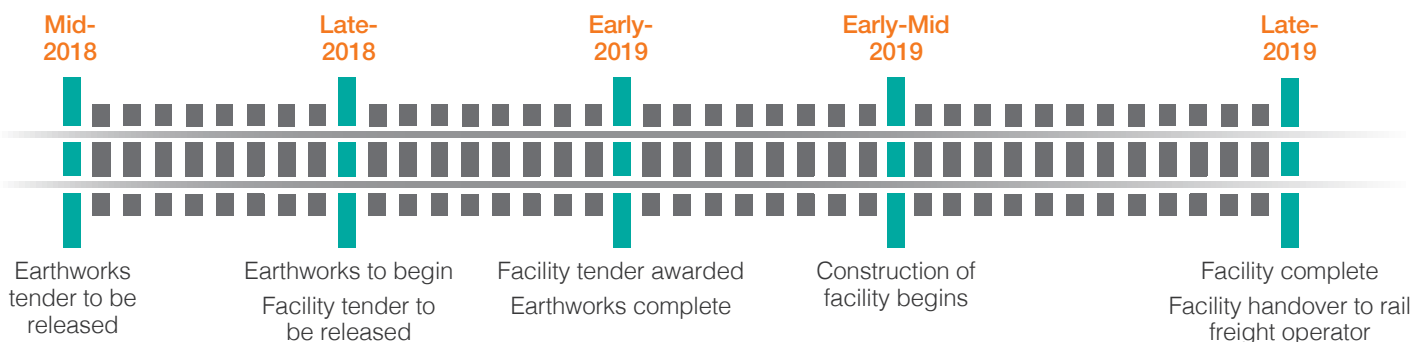
The facility will sit on approximately 17ha of land and will include:

- A flashbutt rail welding area
- Ballast loading tracks and stockpiles
- Rail stowage track for rail grinding and track machines
- A rail-handling area
- Administration and material storage facilities
- Connection to the existing rail freight network

The operation of the facility will be the responsibility of the rail freight network operator, with PTA acting as the landowner on behalf of the State Government.



TIMELINE



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