Located immediately south of the control tower adjacent to Terminal 1, Airport Central Station will soon change travel to and from Perth Airport. One of three new stations being built for the Forrestfield-Airport Link, Airport Central Station will provide travellers and airport workers with a direct 18-minute train journey to the CBD when the line opens in 2021.

The underground station has been designed to create a seamless journey from the airport terminals via the Skybridge, an elevated and enclosed walkway featuring travelators and lifts. Passengers will enter the station via the walkway and travel by lift or escalator down to the concourse level, where the station facilities including ticketing are located. They will then continue through the SmartRider fare gates down to the platform level to meet their train. Continued next page >>

About the Project

The $1.86 billion Forrestfield-Airport Link is jointly funded by the Australian and Western Australian governments and will deliver a new rail service to the eastern suburbs of Perth – with three new stations at Redcliffe, Airport Central and Forrestfield.

The rail link forms part of the METRONET vision to create liveable communities connected by world class public transport. The line will spur off the existing Midland Line near Bayswater Station and run to Forrestfield through twin-bored tunnels.

In April 2016 the Public Transport Authority awarded the design, construct and maintenance contract to Salini Impregilo – NRW Joint Venture.

First trains will operate on the new line in the second half of 2021.
In addition to the new station being built at the airport, the project’s twin-bored tunnels travel under the Perth Airport Estate for 3.8kms. This development within the airport precinct is bound by both federal and state legislative airport requirements.

While each of the project’s sites have their own complexities, construction within an operational airport requires detailed planning to ensure the continued safe operations and security at Perth Airport.

The Airport Central Station construction site is located directly south of the air traffic control tower. This proximity to key airport infrastructure requires construction to be undertaken without impacting flight operations, airport noise exposure levels or legislated airspace requirements. To ensure these requirements are met, systems for monitoring all works, both above and below ground, have been established across the airport precinct.

Equipment or obstacles near the control tower that may cause signal refraction or interference are strictly controlled.

For example, special permits are required for the movement of oversized vehicles, such as cranes into the construction site, as they have the potential to impact airport operations near the site.