

## Busy arterial roads earmarked for big makeover

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Two of Perth's busiest arterial roads are set to be redeveloped, with plans to revamp Stirling Highway and a staged makeover of Beaufort Street in Mt Lawley.

Stirling City Council is planning an art deco-themed upgrade of Beaufort Street between Walcott Street and Queens Crescent, including paving,

street seating, bollards, bins and street and carpark lighting by June 2010.

About \$750,000 has been set aside for the first stage.

Public art is also likely to carry the 1920s and 30s feel.

Bike racks will be installed to encourage cycling. The plan includes a new public toilet, improved bus shelters and modifications to the kerbing, intersections and median

strip to make the area more pedestrian-friendly.

Nedlands council has begun 12 months of consultation on a plan to redevelop Stirling Highway between Loch Street and Broadway, flagging not just streetscape changes such as trees and turning lanes but also allowing high density mixed-use commercial and residential development on surrounding blocks.

The council identified Stirling Highway for possible higher density redevelopment after the Carpenter government insisted its new Town Planning Scheme comply with Network City's transit-oriented planning principles.

Mayor Sheryl Proese said the council had budgeted \$200,000 towards the project and expected draft guidelines by mid to late next year.