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Construction of level crossings as railway steams towards Darwin

The construction of level crossings between Palmerston and East Arm will begin in the next two weeks, as the Alice Springs to Darwin railway inches closer to Darwin.

The Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Kon Vatskalis, said there would be disruptions to traffic as a result of work to construct four level crossings.

"ADrail has advised my department two level crossings will be constructed on Wishart Road – one near Woodlake Boulevard and the other near Tivendale Road – one on Tivendale Road and one on Berrimah Road.

"While ADrail will carry out extensive advertising to warn the public of the rail works, motorists should be advised there could be traffic delays.

"The public will be advised of the project through advertisement in the media, as well as electronic message boards which will be placed along the road for motorists.

"During construction, a series of traffic detours will be set up in the period 19 June to early August and will include the closure of Tivendale Road for a period of 12-days from June 21."

Work on the level crossings is expected to be carried out as follows:

- Wishart Road crossing near Woodlake Boulevard (first crossing) – sealed detour to be constructed on southern side.
- Wishart Road crossing near Tivendale Road (second crossing) – sealed detour to be constructed on the eastern side.
- Tivendale Road – total closure from 21 June to 2 July. Alternative routes are available.
- Berrimah Road – sealed detour to be constructed on eastern side.