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Golden Mile revitalisation

Tēnā koutou property owners, residents, and businesses

Re: **Construction work to start – side roads Lambton Quay, installation of mobility parks**

Let's Get Wellington Moving is revitalising the Golden Mile. The Golden Mile project will provide greater options for walking and cycling, more open spaces and will improve bus reliability. It will lay out better lighting, wider footpaths, more public seating, outdoor dining opportunities and more.

We're making bus services more reliable through the creation of special vehicle lanes. New shared spaces, plantings, seating, and other improvements will revitalise the heart of our city's retail, social, cultural, and entertainment experience on Lambton Quay, Willis Street (between Willeston and Boulcott/Manners Streets), Manners Street and Courtenay Place.

Thank you for engaging with us over the course of this project to date. We have appreciated the input we have received and have made design changes as a result. Now we are at the delivery stage of the project, and while we are very excited to get going, we know it is important that we keep you informed. This letter is the first announcement, one of many updates to follow, of information that we will share with you ahead of time during the construction stages.

The main construction work will start in the new year, but we are kicking this exciting project off with some smaller early works. During all the planned works for the next three years, you will be able to access all shops and entertainment as normal. At times there will be an impact on the traffic flow and you may experience a temporary access or diversion route.

We know easy access is important, especially during the main construction, which is why we're prioritising installation of some of the new mobility parking. Our designs provide for additional mobility parks so that there will be a mobility park within 30-50m of most of Lambton Quay and the eastern end of Courtenay Place, and within 100m of the entrance of the St. James Theatre. We are increasing overall mobility parking with seven new parks, bringing the existing total of 15 up to 22 along the Golden Mile.

Installation of mobility parking spaces and access footpath ramps will start on 29 September at Grey Street and will continue on the other side roads (Brandon, Johnston, Waring Taylor and Stout streets) until mid to late November, weather dependent. This work involves painting new road markings and excavating the existing footpath in places to install ramps for easy access of the new mobility parks. This work is planned from Monday to Friday between 7am and 6pm. Work will involve one small crew using a small excavator and a small truck. Access to side roads and Lambton Quay will not be restricted during the works. There will be a footpath diversion in place for pedestrians and temporarily less on-street parking available on the side street where the crew is working.

Construction pause December 2023 – January 2024

Construction will pause between 1 December 2023 to 8 January 2024 to give businesses the best opportunity to make the most of the busy pre-Christmas period. The next phase of work will then start early in the new year.

Future improvements Courtenay Place – from early 2024

In early 2024, we will start work at the intersection of Cambridge/Kent Terrace and Courtenay Place. We will be reconstructing the footpath and installing underground ducts for power and communications cables to allow us to upgrade and change the traffic lights.

At the Cambridge/Kent/Courtenay intersection, we will install a new and improved pedestrian crossing. We're changing the median island to make crossing the road by bike and walking better and to improve right turns into Majoribanks Street. The roading changes on Courtenay Place are designed to create more space for people to enjoy the area with less general traffic during peak times. At night times (between 7pm-7am), general traffic is allowed on Courtenay Place to ensure people can safely get to and from the area.

We've been conducting underground investigations in recent weeks to make sure we know about the ground condition and exactly where important services like water pipes and electricity are buried. The information from these investigations is helping us to finalise the detailed design plans and further construction programming. We'll provide regular updates on our website and in an email newsletter which you can subscribe to here: www.lgwm.nz/all-projects/golden-mile-improvements/

Where we are working



Throughout our work, we will update our information on our website and social media channels. If you live, work or own a business in this area, we will keep you informed by letter drops and door knocks before any work starts near you. If you prefer to talk to us in person or want to know more about the design and the work for next year, we have drop-in events where you can stop by to ask questions and speak with the project team. These events will be announced on our website, in our newsletters, and on our social media channels.

We will continue to organise regular opportunities for drop-in sessions over the remainder of the construction period, and you can contact us by calling 0800 110 130 if you want to organise an individual meeting. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us by emailing goldenmile@lgwm.nz

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