

CAUSEWAY WRAP

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working for our thriving city



'tis the week before Christmas in motorway-land
where the Causeway Alliance are turning their hands
to raise the north-western, and widen it too,
with co-operation being shown to us by you.

Here's a short wrap of the year that's now past,
(While everyone says, 'it has whizzed by so fast',
High speed on the motorway is just not OK -
During construction the safe speed is max 80k).

This year has seen changes and challenges, too,
Your loyal support has helped see us all through;
how to work with the tides and the sludgy sea mud
and to drive new bridge piles firmly in with some thuds.

The piling platform near Whau River is new
(we're building lanes there - nearest Te Atatu)
The large yellow rig is now all set to go
and by 2015 there'll be new lanes on show.

It's eastbound we're talking, that's towards the city
You'll notice a huge mound of stones sitting pretty
near Traherne, almost 1.5 metres t'wards the sky,
squeezing H2O out 'til the mud below's dry.

After 12 months of squeezing we'll build the new lanes
atop the stones (covering many wick drains),
and then we'll start switching the traffic around
so work can begin on some new lanes westbound.

Let's not get confused or bewildered by this,
Instead - please do know that your openness
in meetings and consults and chats through the year
have given us feedback, which we value and hear.



The staging platform alongside SH16 is being used to construct the new eastbound lanes of the motorway over the Whau River.

We know that the temporary lane layout's a pain,
but it's necessary so that some more lanes we can gain,
Our team need safe space to work quickly and smart
'cos we're mindful the route's near your homes and your hearts.

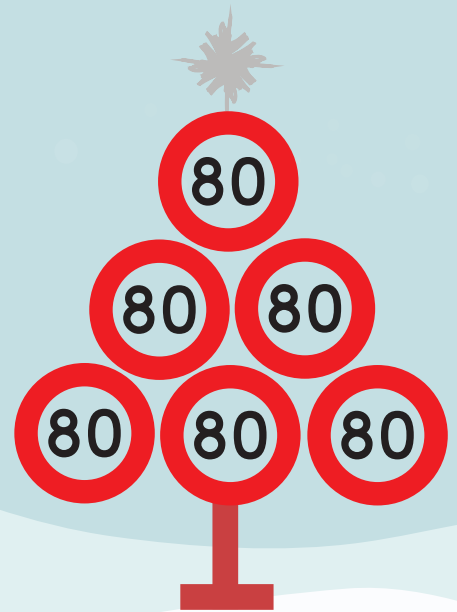
By 2017 there'll be nine lanes in total,
We now have just six - and for those who are local
the new lanes are vital so the traffic can move,
'specially at rush hour. Drivers need to be soothed.

To the bus patrons, cyclists and walkers as well,
We say 'thank you' to you for letting us tell
of the changes afoot, which are necessary
while we build your new bus / bike facilities.

To Forest and Bird and other interest groups wide,
who help us to keep flora/fauna friends on side
With bird roosts, some nests, eggs and chicks near our works
Protecting them / the marine reserve is one of our perks.

We appreciate partnership with iwi close by;
Te Kawerau a Maki e Ngati Whatua o Orakei.
Your wisdom and knowledge of tikanga here
are an important part of the work we prepare.

Merry Christmas to all our Causeway News readership
If you're travelling away, have a safe summer trip,
We look forward to '14 on SH16 right here,
Our thanks to you all, and a Happy New Year.



'He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata'
(What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people)

