

# NORTHERN CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS



## Working together to deliver vital infrastructure

The Transport Agency is working together with Watercare to deliver vital infrastructure to meet Auckland's growing population, as part of the Northern Corridor Improvements project.

This partnership has minimised disruption to motorists and local communities, as all of the assets are being built at the same time.

Last month the project team joined Watercare to walk through the new Pondlink which features twin pipes which have been tunnelled deep under the Northern Motorway.

The 2 metre diameter pipes will transfer treated wastewater between the two settlement ponds on either side of the

motorway. The new system will triple the flows from 2,300 to 6,000 litres a second, to match the capacity of the outfall tunnel.

Construction of the wastewater treatment upgrade started in April 2018, to cater for the growing needs of the area over the next 40 years.

It also connects to the wider treatment plant at Rosedale which will be expanded to treat flows from West Auckland in the future.

## Noise wall panels going up

Crews have been hard at work placing noise walls alongside properties on State Highway 18. This will help to reduce noise from the new motorway and provide a visual barrier.

The walls are made from pre-cast, textured concrete panels which are sandwiched between thick steel posts. They are protected with an anti-graffiti coating.

The panels are being placed in various sections along SH18, starting from the Upper Harbour Highway (Constellation) off-ramp.



## New National Hockey Centre nearing completion

It's full steam ahead on the pavilion building over the next few months at the new world class facility at Rosedale.

Work is progressing throughout spring to fit out the large clubrooms, changing rooms and lay four new playing surfaces which are being purpose built for the local community.

Other work creating footpaths, landscaping and installing fences and lights will also take place.

A new walking and cycling bridge and shared path is also being built to connect communities to Rosedale Park.

The facility will be the new home for North Harbour Hockey and also the leading international hockey venue in New Zealand.

It is scheduled to be completed at the end of the year and will open in early 2020.



## CREATING THE NEW PAUL MATTHEWS ROAD

Work is starting shortly to open up the land near the existing North Harbour Hockey facility and create the new Paul Matthews Road.

Over the next six months earthworks will be restarting alongside State Highway 18 and the new road will start to take shape.

Work is also well underway to construct the two new viaducts which are now visible.

These bridges form the new SH18/SH1 motorway connection. This will eventually carry traffic from west to north and north to west.



## WASTE TURNS INTO ART

Local artist Chris Berthelsen from the Mairangi Bay Arts Centre wanted to put some of our waste material to good use and we obliged, eager to see what might result.

Chris visited the site where the old Caltex petrol station used to be and chose the materials he could use to make sculptures. This included duct off cuts, draw ribbon and wooden packaging frames.

Our helpful utilities team loaded up the truck and carted it all away to the arts centre.

Watch this space for some local artwork coming soon.



## Plants go to a good home

A group of residents from Unsworth Heights were busy with a community planting bee in Barbados Reserve when they put a call out for supplies.

Our project team were more than happy to donate native mountain flax and oioi (wire rush).

The plants were transferred from the old Caltex petrol station site by our crews and delivered to the reserve for planting.

It's great to see the plants being re-used in a new home within the same area.



## VISIT THE HUB

The visitor hub gives people access to the latest maps, animated flyover as well as details about upcoming work in the area that will impact their daily journeys.

It is open during the week Monday to Friday from 9am to 4.30pm. You can find the hub inside the project office at 10 Rothwell Avenue, Rosedale.



### CONTACT:

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