

24 July 2019

SH1 traffic switch – issues and responses

The SH1 traffic switch went ahead as planned on Monday 8 July. This coincided with the beginning of school holidays, when traffic flows were lighter. With schools back this week, traffic is generally flowing well.

The new temporary intersection at Bollard Road will remain in place until the end of the project.

The new layout has presented some challenges for residents, and some issues to be addressed.

Thanks for your feedback and your patience. We have had the new layout

safety-audited during the day and during the night. All recommendations from that audit have been actioned. Additional improvements have been made following feedback from residents and road users.

1. Speed

The new layout has a consistent 50km/hr speed limit, but motorists are now familiar with it and are often exceeding 50km/h. This week we introduced electronic sign boards fitted with speed detectors. These signs tell motorists when they are speeding and encourage them to slow down. Initial data shows average speeds have dropped as a result. If you live in Cherry Lane, Cambridge Road or Bollard Road, you can lead by driving to the conditions and under the 50km/h limit.

2. Improved lighting

Performance issues with the first solar street lights at the new intersection have been addressed. One higher-powered street light has been installed. A second is to be installed next week.

3. School bus pick-ups

Pick-up points for school buses have changed. If you have questions, please phone Cambridge Travel Lines, Ph 07 827 7363.

4. Airport turnoff

Some motorists are mistaking the new Bollard Road intersection for the airport turnoff and turning into Bollard Road. Additional signs are being installed to inform them before they reach the intersection, providing distances to Bollard Road and to the airport turnoff.



SH1 traffic flowing on the new lanes under the East West Link Bridge.

5. More cats eyes for visibility in the wet

Wet weather can affect the visibility of lane markings and barriers on the new highway lanes. Bolder line markings have been painted and additional 'cats eye' reflectors added to the centreline and edgelines. Small reflective chevrons have also been added on top of crash barriers.

6. Hatching on merge area

If you are turning right from Bollard Road toward the city, the merge area has been painted with white hatching to make it more visible. Right turns should only be made if you are confident you can turn and merge in a single movement. If not, turn left and return via the interchange.

7. Dealing with mis-information

Mis-information has circulated via email, stating that the project intends removing a right-turn bay at the new intersection. This is **not** correct. Right-turn bays will remain.

8. Walking, cycling and mobility scooter access to Tamahere village

A dedicated two-way walking and cycling path has been provided from the new intersection at Bollard Road, travelling down the off-ramp to the Tamahere Interchange. Walkers and cyclists can then cross the off-ramp, travel under the bridge and cross the on-ramp to get to the village. This path is also suitable for mobility scooters.

9. Chevron at Cherry Lane intersection

Following requests from residents, we have installed large yellow/black chevrons at the Cherry Lane/Cambridge Road intersection. This clearly shows that Cambridge Road north is closed.

9. Please contact us if you have questions or feedback

Email us on info@cityedgealliance.co.nz or phone us on **0800 322 044** if you have questions or feedback. We will respond to every inquiry.