



New State Highway 6 (SH6) Kawarau Falls Bridge

The Benefits

- Will meet the short and medium term transport needs of the rapidly growing Frankton Flats and the wider Queenstown area.
- When completed in mid-2017, road users can look forward to less traffic congestion and more predictable journey times, on SH6 with destinations south of Queenstown.
- Eliminate traffic congestion at the existing single-lane bridge and long vehicle queues especially during the peak summer holiday and ski seasons.
- Provides a more resilient highway connection south of Queenstown to Milford Sound and Invercargill.
- Provide safer and more efficient connections to Queenstown International Airport, Frankton Flats and the Queenstown CBD.
- Improved road links to developments south of the Kawarau River such as Jacks Point and Hanley Downs.
- The conversion of the existing single-lane bridge into a purpose built walking and cycle route, as a key connection on the Queenstown cycle trails network, following opening of the new bridge.



The Facts

- Construction funding from the Accelerated Regional Rooding Package, announced by the Government in June 2014, has enabled the construction of the new two-lane bridge to start two years sooner than planned.
- With a total construction cost of \$21.9 million this is one of largest highway projects seen in the Queenstown area.
- The new bridge has two full traffic lanes, sealed road shoulders wide enough to safely accommodate road cyclists, plus a footpath.
- The bridge will be approximately 250 metres long and 14 metres wide and constructed on a curve with a 163 metre radius.
- This bridge is designed to withstand a once in every 2,500 year earthquake.
- McConnell Dowell Constructors Ltd are building the new bridge which is scheduled to open in the second half of 2017.

Keep up with progress on this project at:

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/new-two-lane-kawarau-falls-bridge-project/>



A computer generated image of the new two-lane Kawarau Falls Bridge