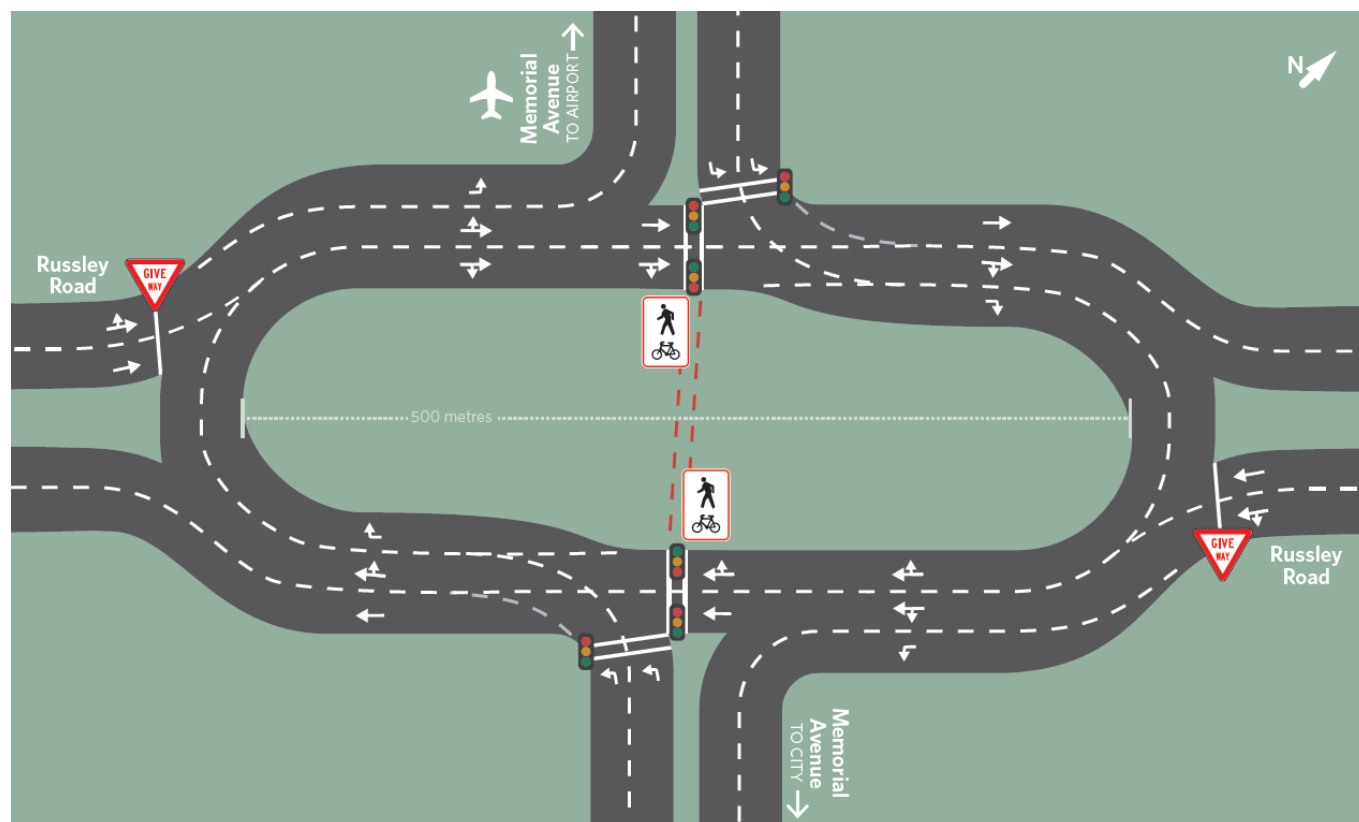


# Russley Road Upgrade

PROJECT UPDATE

MARCH 2016



## NEW ROUNDABOUT LAYOUT FOR THE RUSSELY/MEMORIAL INTERSECTION

From 20 March, we are making changes at the Russley/Memorial intersection to allow the construction of the Russley/Memorial over-bridge and sculptural arches within the centre island.

As you can see in the diagram, the layout will be a very large oblong shaped roundabout with three traffic lanes in some areas. To improve access, traffic will be controlled by traffic signals on both the City and Airport sides of Memorial Avenue. Although it will look different, it will continue to function as a roundabout.

If you are travelling to the airport please be aware things will look different and allow extra travel time as delays are possible. Real time information on congestion in this area can be found at [www.tfc.govt.nz](http://www.tfc.govt.nz)

## HOW TO USE THE NEW ROUNDABOUT

Ultimately it is a roundabout so use it as such:

- Make sure you are in the correct lane when you enter the roundabout by following the road marking and signage.
- Indicate your intentions if you change lanes on the roundabout and as you exit the roundabout.
- Please observe the traffic signals.

This design was chosen as it will reduce the number of temporary traffic changes for motorists during construction of the overbridge and is the safest option for all road users.

## THE RUSSELY/MEMORIAL INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

The Russley Road/Memorial Avenue intersection is the gateway to Christchurch from the airport. This important intersection is experiencing congestion and delays, which are predicted to worsen in the future. To allow this intersection to function well into the future the existing roundabout will be replaced with a grade separated interchange – Russley Road (SH1) going over Memorial Avenue on a bridge, with a signalised intersection below. We have looked into many options for this intersection and this is the only option that will function well into the future.

As this bridge is an important gateway to Christchurch and the South Island, we have commissioned a feature bridge design to welcome visitors and those returning home.



More information on the Russley Road Upgrade and the design of the Russley/Memorial Bridge is available on the project website. [www.nzta.govt.nz/russley-road](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/russley-road)

## RUSSELY ROAD (SH1) UPGRADE

The Russley Road Upgrade also includes the following changes:

- The four-laning of Russley Road.
- A larger roundabout and a pedestrian/cycle underpass at Harewood Road.
- Access at Wairakei Road reduced to a left turn in and out only on the city side of this intersection, the airport side will be closed.
- The Russley/Avonhead intersection will be closed.
- A new access to the airport built to the south of Avonhead Road.



## BACKGROUND

The Russley Road Upgrade is part of the Government’s Roads of National Significance Programme. It is a section of the Western Corridor project which will see State Highway 1 four-laned from Hornby to The Groynes and also includes a bypass, to the west of Belfast, linking to Christchurch’s Northern Motorway.



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