



Russley Road Upgrade

part of the Western Corridor

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Southern Airport Access Update



Figure: Temporary realignment of Russley Road

Construction of the Southern Airport Access

In the week beginning **Monday 13 June**, traffic along Russley Road will be temporarily realigned to the east. Two lanes will be maintained northbound, while southbound traffic will need to merge into one lane. This will allow the first half of the Southern Airport Access underpass to be built. This stage will take about 5 to 6 months to complete and then the traffic will be moved west so the second half of the underpass can be built.

This change may cause some traffic congestion as southbound vehicles merge to one lane. We apologise for any delays this may create.

As part of this work, the turning bay in the centre of Russley Road near Avonhead Road needs to be closed permanently as we are unable to keep it open safely. Present users of the turning bay will be able to do a U-turn at the Russley Road/Memorial Avenue interchange.

We ask motorists to please be aware of changes in traffic management, follow on-site signage and drive to the conditions.

Project Information

As you may know, due to the expected increase in industry around the airport, a third high quality access point to the airport will be created south of Avonhead Road. This will improve access for freight.

This intersection will be grade separated (one road will go over the other) with on and off ramps giving traffic the ability to enter and exit the airport area from the north and the south. Traffic turning right into or out of the airport area will drive under Russley Road via an underpass, while Russley Road will remain at ground level. This access point makes it possible to separate much of the heavy freight traffic using the airport's freight services from travellers and commuter traffic, allowing the airport precinct to function more safely and efficiently. (An image of the final intersection layout is overleaf.)



For questions or feedback about this project phone 03 359 0700. More information on the Russley Road Upgrade is available at www.nzta.govt.nz/russley-road

Southern Airport Access final layout



RUSSELY ROAD (SH1) UPGRADE

The Russley Road Upgrade project 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.
- A grade separated interchange at the Russley/Memorial Intersection where Russley Road goes over Memorial Avenue on a Bridge.

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.

