



The Causeway Alliance is raising and widening 4.8 km of Auckland's Northwestern motorway and cycleway between Great North Road and the Whau River Bridge, near Te Atatu. The work is being done to prevent flooding and provide additional lanes for when the Waterview Tunnels open in early 2017.

Home straight for the cycleway



New section of the cycleway over the Whau River Bridge opening soon.

The next few months sees some exciting changes for our cycleway users, as we start transitioning cyclists on to permanent pathway in a number of places.

The first move will be over the Whau River Bridge later this month. The bright yellow railings match those at the Oakley Creek and add a pop of colour to the path. Cyclists will enjoy more width replacing the previous pinch-point which often meant having to wait for others to cross the bridge.

Further sections of final cycle path, from Whau Bridge toward the city, will be opened between now and December.

The last permanent section of cycleway will be over the causeway next year as the southern side of the bridge is still to be constructed.

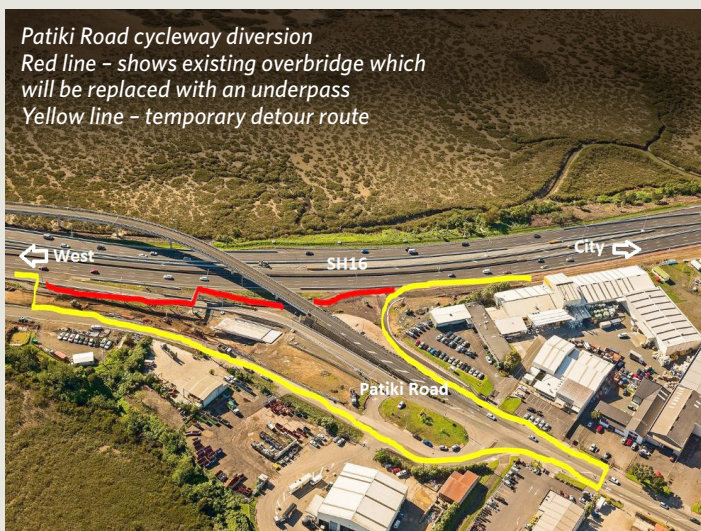
Round and under – not up and over

A cycleway diversion around the Patiki Road area will be in place from late August to early December while the current overbridge is deconstructed and the new underpass is opened.

We are asking cyclists to take extreme care around the detour and cross at the marked pedestrian island along Patiki Road. Traffic controllers will be in place initially to help cyclists follow the route.

The Alliance will also be working with the Police to enforce speed limits in the area and investigating traffic calming measures for vehicles using the Patiki Road off-ramp.

Patiki Road cycleway diversion
Red line - shows existing overbridge which will be replaced with an underpass
Yellow line - temporary detour route



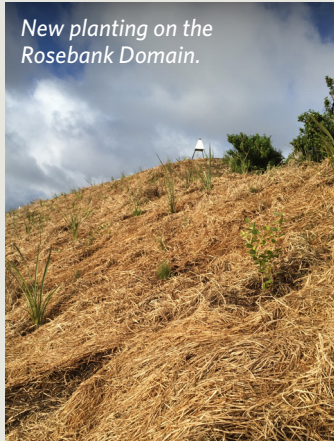
Artists impression of the new Patiki Road cycleway underpass



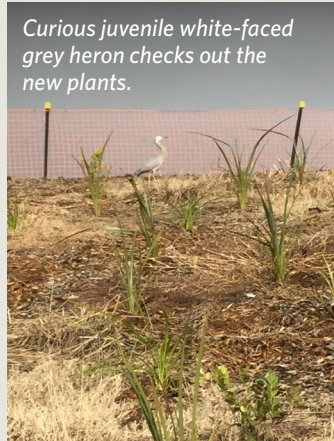
Green thumb

You may have noticed some new greenery along the project over the past few weeks – and we are not meaning more weeds! Our landscaping crews have been working hard (rain and shine) to remove pest plants including wattle, pampas grass and moth plant infestations in the Rosebank Domain area.

A range of creepers, flaxes, shrubs and cabbage and pohutukawa trees have replaced the weeds and will grow to provide great coverage, transforming and softening the hard concrete structures.



New planting on the Rosebank Domain.



Curious juvenile white-faced grey heron checks out the new plants.



Leading the way

Jamie Colquhoun is our award winning site superintendent, recently taking out the Safeguard Most Influential Employee category at the NZ Workplace Health and Safety Awards – an addition to his growing silverware cabinet.

This award recognises Jamie's Health and Safety leadership along with implementation of new and innovative safety measures.

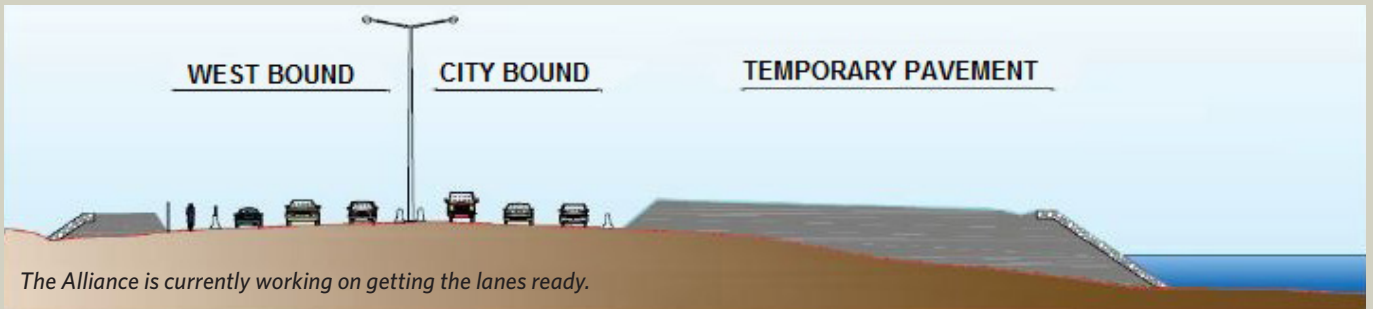
Jamie has picked up a number of awards for his focus on health, safety and the environment and Alliance is proud to have him as a key part of our leadership team.

Ready, steady...

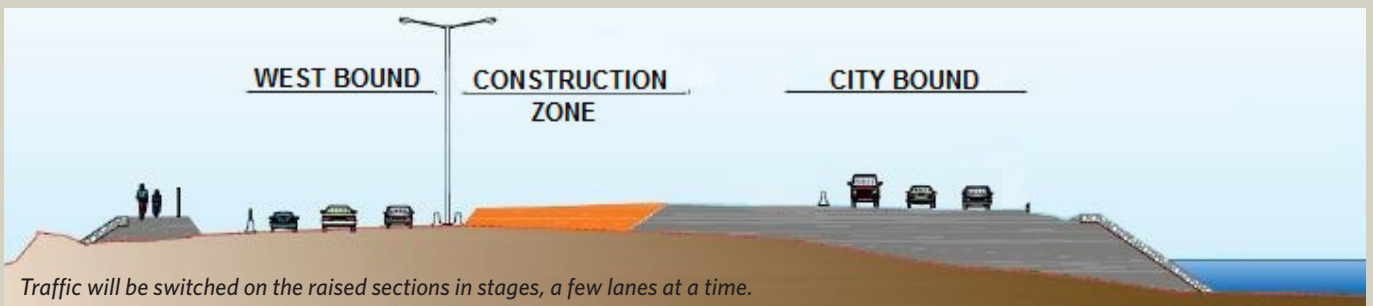
Underneath the piles of dirt and rock stacked on the harbour side, wick drains (or drinking straws) have been draining the water from the layers of earth below. The weight of the material sitting on top of these drains has been helping to squeeze the water out, creating a compact and solid foundation to widen the motorway.

The excess material (referred to as pre-load) is currently being removed and the initial stages of building lanes on top are underway.

As with other areas of the project, once ready, traffic will be switched on to the new lanes in stages. This will create access and working space for the Alliance to start raising the next section.



The Alliance is currently working on getting the lanes ready.



Traffic will be switched on the raised sections in stages, a few lanes at a time.

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Northwestern Upgrade

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