

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.



Earthworks either side of the Causeway corridor.
Photo: Greg Kempthorne.

Looking ahead

The Causeway Alliance is starting a busy construction phase, which will be when you are able to experience the results of the many months of preparation work.

Changes will be noticeable when sections of the new motorway and cycleway are opened up. Some changes will be subtle - a lane or two will be on a slightly different alignment today than they were yesterday. Others will be more noticeable, like the raising of a lane onto a new section of the motorway or cyclists onto a new section of the

cycleway, and your view along the way will change, too.

Work during the last 2.5 years has built up areas on either side of the existing motorway so that it's ready to support new lanes. Over the coming months traffic will be moved onto the new areas. The project team will then begin the process to raise the existing motorway so that it becomes level with the new sections.

Thank you for your continued patience while we upgrade the next Causeway sections of SH16.

Causeway

The recent diversion of the Rosebank Road on-ramp through to Great North Road has enabled us to complete the construction needed to raise motorway lanes 1 and 2 in the middle of November. We plan to raise the third lane mid-December.

This is an artist's impression of what the citybound lane configuration will look like once we raise the third lane.



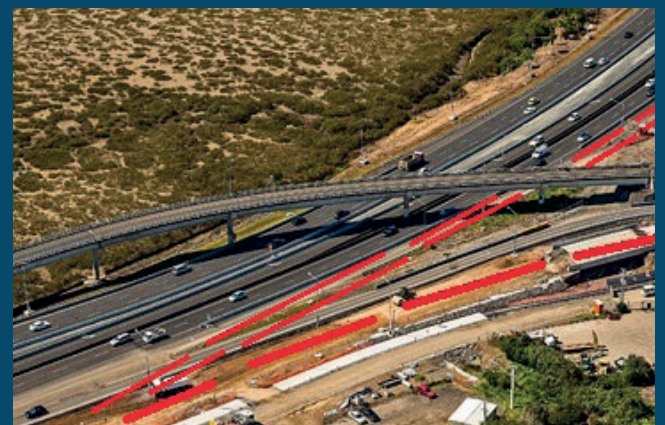
Rosebank Road

There will be a day/night closure of the Rosebank Road off-ramp so that we can realign it to its new, permanent position. The closure will take place during a December weekend to reduce its impact on traffic. The closure will be advertised in advance.

Patiki Road

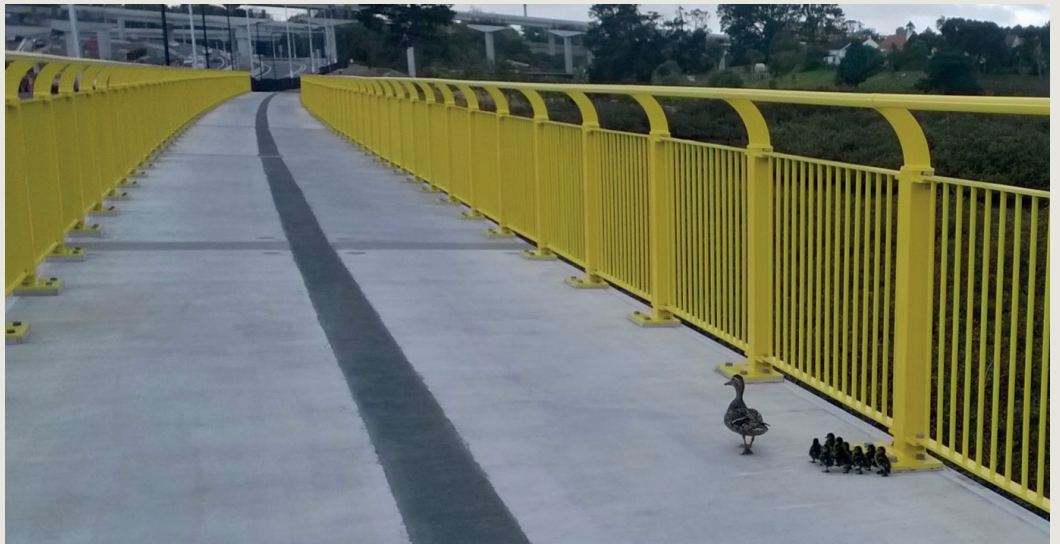
A weekend closure of the Patiki Road on-ramp is planned to occur in December. This would enable the team to move the on-ramp and two westbound lanes to new alignments. The closure will be advertised in advance.

Work will then start on this section of the new permanent cycleway. This work is due to be completed in February when cyclists will be able to ride a further section of the permanent cycleway - which will remain open during these works.



Shared path

Cyclists and pedestrians will notice several changes when sections of the new permanent shared path are opened in November.



All creatures great and small on the Oakley Creek boardwalk. Photo: Simon de Vries.

COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP MEETING 11 NOVEMBER

The next quarterly Community Liaison Group meeting will be on Wednesday 11 November from 7pm to 9pm at the Pringle Park Bowling Club, Pringle Road, Te Atatu Peninsula. The meeting will be an opportunity for you to hear updates and ask questions about the Causeway Upgrade and the Te Atatu Interchange Improvements projects. If you have specific areas of interest, please let us know in advance so we can endeavour to include the information in our presentation. We look forward to seeing you there.

Meet the grey warbler

The riroriro or grey warbler is often found in the vegetation on either side of the Causeway and is common throughout New Zealand.

Weighing about 6.5g, which is around one-third the weight of a mouse, they are one of New Zealand's lightest birds and have distinctive red eyes.

Hovering to pick insects and spiders from plants, the birds' song is like a merry cricket.

Grey warblers are clever nest builders. They have distinctive domed hanging nests with a small side entrance hole.



Photo: Jeremy Painting

Introducing Pritpal Singh

Pritpal Singh joined Coffey about two years ago as a geotech project technician and his first job with them has been here on the Causeway Upgrade Project.

Pritpal is responsible for monitoring the performance of materials and compaction. Soft soil can sink a transport project so part of Pritpal's job is to test that the ground beneath the project is of sufficient strength to take the weight of what is to occur on it.

Pritpal is originally from India, is an avid cricket fan and is keen to gain his Masters in Engineering in the future. He says that when New Zealand and India play he is lucky because he has two teams he can support.



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