



SH20A/Kirkbride Road intersection opens and SH20A/Montgomerie Road intersection closes permanently

23 August 2017

What's happening

We plan to open the trench to traffic overnight, Sunday 27 August 2017. All right turns will be reinstated at SH20A/Kirkbride Road intersection and SH20A/Montgomerie Road intersection will close permanently. A map showing alternative routes for Montgomerie Road can be found on page 2.

This date is weather dependent and may change if we get poor weather on the night.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

The SH20A/Montgomerie Road intersection needs to close for safety reasons. Heading towards the city (northbound), there is 180m between the Montgomerie Road on-ramp and the new Kirkbride Road interchange off-ramp so vehicles doing 100km/h are effectively travelling 180m in 6 seconds, which gives drivers little time to change lanes safely. The minimum distance required between the on-ramp and off-ramp is 900m.

Drivers wanting to change lanes between the SH20A/Montgomerie Road intersection and Landing Drive (when it is upgraded from a roundabout to an intersection controlled by traffic lights) face a similar situation – too short a distance in which to change lanes safely. From Landing Drive roundabout drivers will then travel non-stop into the city when travelling northbound on SH20a using the Waterview Tunnel.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE TO REDUCE THE CONGESTION THAT IS LIKELY FOLLOWING THE CLOSURE OF THE SH20A/MONTGOMERIE ROAD INTERSECTION?

We have upgraded a number of local intersections and installed temporary lights at the Landing Drive roundabout. We will install temporary lights on the Landing Drive arm of the roundabout mid-September 2017.

We will reopen the southbound left-hand turn slip road at Landing Drive roundabout early October 2017.

We will widen Ascot Road to 2 right turn lanes eastbound late October 2017.

When the underpass opens to vehicles,

the traffic light phases around the Kirkbride Road interchange will change and traffic crossing Kirkbride Road will get a longer green light. That's because motorway traffic will travel through the Kirkbride Road underpass.

A taskforce was established in December 2016 to find ways to improve travel times and congestion on the roads and state highways around Auckland Airport. Despite a 17 per cent increase in traffic since 2014 on

State Highway 20B from the airport terminal to the SH20 on-ramp, the improvements have helped reduce journey times to the same levels as in 2014.

The Transport Agency acknowledges that there will be a settling in period after the layout changes while drivers work out their best route.

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ALTERNATIVE ROUTES



More information

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Thank you for your patience while we complete the upgrade of this section of the network.

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