



West Melton – Work to start on intersection improvements



SH73/Weedons Ross Road intersection looking north

Construction work starting soon

The first phase of work, which will make it safer and easier to get around West Melton, is about to kick off.

You'll start to see members of the team from Fulton Hogan, who were awarded the construction contract, setting up and starting site preparation during the next couple of weeks.

This will include checking the location of services such as power, telecommunications and watermain, and clearing the land for the link road between Weedons Ross Road and West Melton Road. We're also relocating any fish from the stockwater races.

Addition to the design

Since our last newsletter, we've added a shared path along the eastern side of Weedons Ross Road between the intersection and new roundabout – see map on next pages.

Work overview

The first phase, most of which will be undertaken during the winter, includes the piping of the stockwater races and the relocation of services. Some work will also be done on the link road, weather permitting, between Weedons Ross Road and West Melton Road. This includes a temporary road and removing access from West Melton Road to the state highway intersection which will help with ongoing traffic management.

The main roading work – the state highway intersection, link road and cul-de-sac – will be undertaken during the summer. Our current aim is to have construction completed by the middle of 2023.

We'll issue more detailed updates as the project progresses and will be in contact with people directly affected by our work as we have more details and certainty on timing.

On the last page of this newsletter, we provide you with information on how you can stay up to date with changing traffic conditions, and contact details so that you can raise any issue of concern with us.

We're happy to hear from you as our plan is to take care of the local community, maintain access to shops and services and leave you with a much safer intersection and surrounding environment.

Proposed SH73/West Melton Intersection Improvements

Key features

- A. Traffic signals at the SH73/Weedons Ross Road intersection with pedestrian crossings on all four legs of the intersection making it safer for pedestrians and cyclists to cross at the intersection.

B. Piping of stockwater races to improve safety and allow widening of roads and shared paths.
- C. A cul-de-sac at the northern end of West Melton Road improving on-street parking (the current West Melton Road intersection with Weedons Ross Road would be too close to the new traffic signals).

D. Weedons Ross Road (south of SH73) and West Melton Road widened and reshaped.
- E. A new link road between Weedons Ross Road and West Melton Road opposite Kingsdowne Drive (to the south of St Paul's Church).

F. A new single lane roundabout at the intersection of the new link road and Weedons Ross Road opposite Kingsdowne Drive, with crossing points for pedestrians.



What will this mean for you, the West Melton Community, and travellers?

It is inevitable there will be some disruption. However, we have developed construction methods to ensure the work can be done safely and efficiently while also minimising disruption to residents, local businesses, and road users.

Measures will be put in place to minimise noise, dust, and vibration levels.

We will always maintain access to shops, businesses, and services.

However, during the coming months, while we do the work, there will be changes to traffic management. This could include turning restrictions at the state highway intersection. As a result, it might be necessary for you to reduce your speed and/or take a short detour to get to your destination. These will be well signed, and we will give as much notice as possible about changes.

Hours of work

Most work will be carried out from Monday to Friday between 7:00am and 7:00pm, and on Saturdays if needed.

Occasionally, there will be a need to work at night and if we do, the majority will be on the state highway. Night work is undertaken when the work would be too disruptive to traffic during the day.

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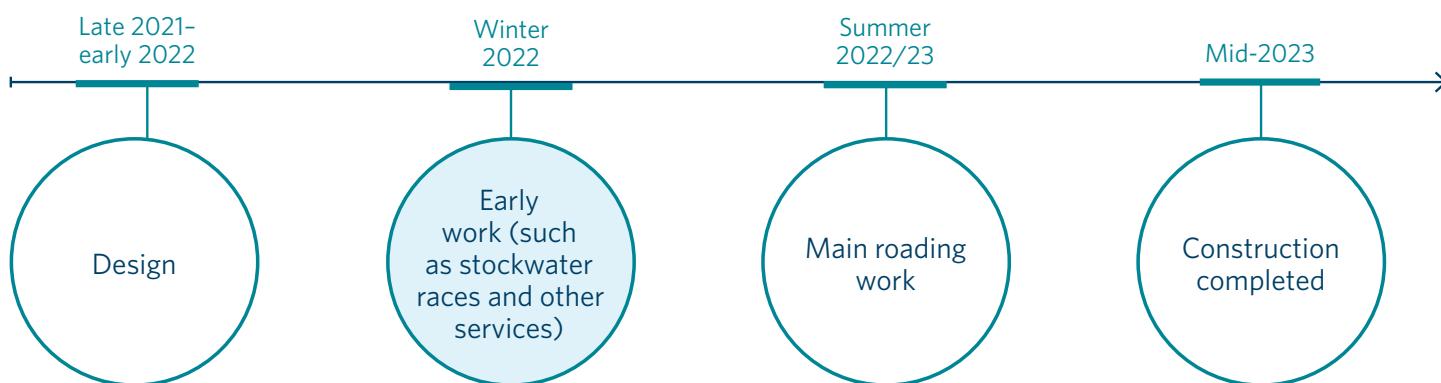
Waka Kotahi is delivering this project as part of the New Zealand Upgrade Programme (NZUP) – the government's \$8.7 billion investment in growing communities across the country.

Through NZUP, communities can look forward to transport improvements that provide more travel choices, help people get where they're going safely and grow our economy, while responding to the impacts of travel on the environment.

Find out more at:

www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/nz-upgrade

Timing



Staying up to date

One of the fastest ways to find out what is happening on a regular basis is to subscribe to our electronic updates by visiting this webpage: www.nzta.govt.nz/wmwr

If you scroll down the page a bit, you will see a “subscribe to updates” field which invites you to leave your name and email address, so that we can email you directly with any significant changes to traffic management.



Who to contact

Please contact Fulton Hogan on **0800 ROAD FH** (0800 7623 34) Monday to Friday, 8am-5pm, to discuss any specific access needs such as nurse/doctor visits or Meals on Wheels deliveries to your property. Contact at anytime if the matter is urgent.

If you have a more general query about the project, please email us at west.melton@nzta.govt.nz