

# MIN-3948 NZUP Queenstown Package – Update on Ladies Mile

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Provide an update on the Ladies Mile component of the New Zealand Upgrade Programme (NZUP) Queenstown package

## Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

- The Queenstown Package provides dedicated infrastructure to support improved public transport services. It includes bus priority measures on State Highway 6 / State Highway 6A (SH6/SH6A), bus lanes on SH6, improvements to the existing Frankton bus hub, improvements to the SH6A/SH6 intersection and pedestrian access improvements across SH6 and SH6A.
- Ladies Mile is key component of the NZUP Queenstown Package with a new roundabout at Howards Drive, and a bus lane (town bound) along SH6.

## Planning for Growth in Queenstown

- The Queenstown Package transport infrastructure improvements were based on growth assumptions of 1,100 new homes on Ladies Mile and approved by the Waka Kotahi Board for Housing Infrastructure Funding (HIF).
- In June 2022, the Pūtahi Ladies Mile masterplan was adopted by Queenstown District Lakes District Council (QLDC) and is informing a District Plan Change currently underway. This masterplan enables the development of 2,400 new additional high or medium-density homes, plus a town centre, two schools and a sports/community hub.
- A Taskforce under the Whairoa Grow Well Partnership (comprising QLDC, Housing and Urban Development, Te Ao Marama, Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment, Kāinga Ora, Aukura, Department of Internal Affairs, Otago Regional Council and Waka Kotahi) has been set up to progress the delivery of the masterplan.
- Aligned with the masterplan, three fast track consents are being progressed. One being accepted and the other two referred to the Environmental Protection Authority.
- The scope for the Queenstown Package was defined before the masterplan was developed. As such, the scope of upgrades to be delivered through NZUP are unlikely to be sufficient to accommodate the future Ladies Mile masterplan growth.

## NZUP Queenstown Package Status

- Planning and design is underway for a town-bound bus lane along SH6 at Ladies Mile and roundabout at the intersection of Howards Drive and SH6. A Notice of Requirement will be required to support the roundabout development, which is currently being prepared

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