

Christchurch Northern Corridor SH1 - Tram Road

PROJECT UPDATE

15 MAY 2020



NIGHT WORK TRAM ROAD: STOP/GO CONTROL AND ON-RAMP CLOSED

The Christchurch Northern Corridor (CNC) Alliance team will be excavating at night on Tram Road to install the ducts that will hold the cables for the future traffic signals on Tram Road. This work will occur **every night between Sunday 24 May and Friday 29 May, from 8pm to 5am.**

We are widening Tram Road, between Main North Road and the on-ramp, and part of SH1 to accommodate an extra lane that will operate as a managed lane, particularly for those carpooling. We are also signalling two intersections on Tram Road, at Main North Road and at the SH1 on-ramp.

Traffic Impact

Traffic using Tram Road overnight will be managed with stop/go controls. The Tram Road SH1 southbound on-ramp (see red hash area on the photo above) will be closed during the night work.

Southbound traffic on Tram Road wanting to access the motorway will be diverted to Main North Road. Please expect delays of up to five minutes on Tram Road. During the work there is no right turn from the Tram Road off-ramp. If heading to Kaiapoi please use the Ohoka Road exit.

During this night work there will be a temporary **30km/h speed limit** in place.

Why are we doing this?

T2/carpool lanes are a good option to address congestion on the corridor. They encourage more efficient use by moving more people in fewer vehicles. If more people share vehicles, take buses or ride bikes, less cars will be on the road.

More information on the traffic impact during all our work and on the carpool lane is available online:

www.nzta.govt.nz/cnc



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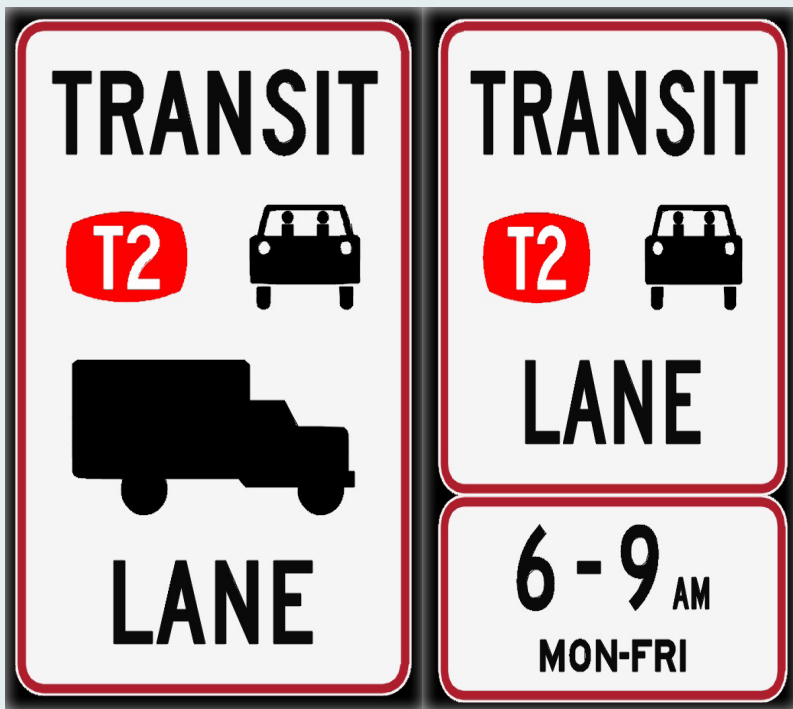
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On the project website in the video section you can watch an animation that shows how the Christchurch Northern Corridor carpool lanes will operate. Go to www.nzta.govt.nz/cnc

This is the new T2 (transit two or more people) signage that you will see on SH1 at the start of the carpool lanes. The signage on the left will be installed on Tram Road; trucks are allowed to use this 24/7 carpool lane from Tram Road east onto SH1 next to the southbound on-ramp. The signage on the right will be installed on the CNC motorway, where the right hand lane will function as a carpool lane between 6am and 9am from Monday to Friday.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- › **Why is the CNC project including a carpool lane?**
When, in 2017, a planned third southbound lane was included for the widening of the Waimakariri Bridge, the decision was made that one motorway lane southbound would operate as a carpool lane during morning peak. A carpool lane encourages a more efficient use by moving more people in fewer vehicles. The more people share vehicles, take buses or ride bikes the less cars will be on road.
- › **Why should I carpool?** Carpooling is cheaper and more environmentally friendly than driving alone. You can cut your fuel and parking costs and at the same time reduce congestion and harmful emissions. You can spend more time with family or friends or meet new people and create free time.
- › **Why is there no northbound carpool lane on the CNC?**
The afternoon and evening (northbound) traffic is more dispersed and spread over several hours. Evidence shows the problem is southbound during morning peak and by encouraging more people into fewer vehicles in the morning peak; we achieve the reciprocal traffic reduction in the evening peak (northbound).

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- › Our regular working hours are Monday to Saturday between 7am and 7pm. Night work usually happens between 7pm and 7am.
- › There will be noise and vibrations associated with the work. We will do what we can to lessen this.
- › Keep yourself, your children and pets at a safe distance from the work sites. Please stay behind the construction fences at all times.
- › All work sites are subject to weather and other unforeseen conditions.



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