Christchurch Northern Corridor QEII Drive - Philpotts Road

PROJECT UPDATE 7 DECEMBER 2018



The Project

The CNC project provides new and improved options for all travel modes: cyclists, pedestrians, private vehicles and freight, and allows for improved public transport.

The new CNC motorway, which includes four - laning on QEII Drive and Cranford Street, will improve access to the central city, industrial hubs on the eastern side of Christchurch, the Lyttelton Port and enable further development in the Belfast area.

A shared pedestrian and cycle path will run the entire length of the CNC. With more options for travellers, traffic congestion will be reduced for both through-traffic on the new motorway and trips on local roads.

UPGRADE SOUTH SIDE STARTS JANUARY - PHILPOTTS ROAD CLOSURE

As part of the Christchurch Northern Corridor (CNC) project QEII Drive will be four laned between Main North Road and Innes Road. We will have completed the two new lanes just before Christmas. In the New Year we will start the upgrade of the two existing lanes and move traffic, between the QEII Drive bridge (east of Grimseys Road) and Hills Road, over onto the new lanes.

The traffic swap-over is scheduled to happen from **Tuesday evening 8 January 2019**.

Philpotts Road changes

We need to close the Philpotts Road intersection with QEII Drive for around four weeks from Tuesday evening 8 January till 1 February 2019. This is so we can construct temporary roads at Winters Road and Philpotts Road to connect to the new traffic lanes on QEII Drive. After the temporary access road from Philpotts Road to QEII Drive is in place, you can only access QEII Drive with a left out of Philpotts Road.

There will be no access into Philpotts Road from the new lanes on QEII Drive during the construction of the upgrade. There will no longer be a right turn out of Philpotts Road onto QEII Drive. The final lay out for this intersection in 2020 is left in and out only.

There will be a 60km/h speed limit in place on QEII Drive between Innes Road and Main North Road during the construction.

Detour

When the Philpotts Road intersection is closed, you can either use Innes Road or Main North Road as a diversion to QEII Drive.

Summary:

8 Jan - 1 Feb 1 Feb - April 2020 Upgrade complete Philpotts Intersection closed
Philpotts Road left out only
left in and out only



REDUCED COMMUTER TRAVEL TIME



REDUCED CONGESTION



IMPROVE SAFETY



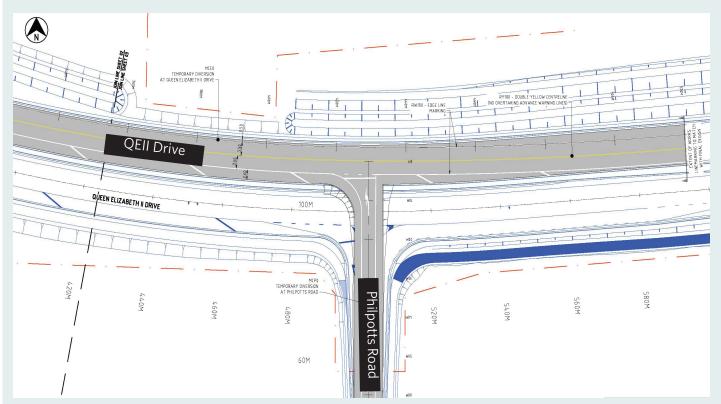
IMPROVE WALKING AND CYCLING



SUPPORT ECONOMIC GROWTH







During the construction of the QEII Drive upgrade there is only a left-out onto QEII Drive till April 2020. The shared user path on QEII Drive for pedestrians and cyclists will be open as normal.

ACCESS FOR RESIDENTS

When the traffic swaps over to the new lanes on QEII Drive from Tuesday evening 8 January 2019, residents on the south side of QEII Drive between Innes Road and Philpotts Road (house numbers 218 to 290) and on Winters Road east (house numbers 142 to 147) will be able to access their driveways.

ON QEII DRIVE BETWEEN HILLS ROAD AND WINTERS ROAD

From Tuesday evening 8 January for around three days you will need to access your house on QEII Drive and Winters Road east via Philpotts Road; underneath the road closure sign it will say 'access for residents only'. Turning right or left you will drive over the 'old' existing QEII Drive lanes to get to your house on QEII Drive or Winters Road.

ON WINTERS ROAD EAST

After we complete the driveway access for the QEII Drive residents to the new lanes we will construct a temporary access road to connect Winters Road east to the new QEII Drive lanes. It will take about a week to construct this temporary road.

ON QEII DRIVE

Once the temporary access roads are in place you can enter the new QEII Drive lanes: left in and out only.

Residents on QEII Drive 218 to 280 will share an access point and 286, 288 and 290 will share an access point directly onto QEII Drive from their driveways.

We will provide residents with detailed plans. Please also see the note about our open doors on Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 December on the back page.

ACCESS TO BUSINESSES AND RETIREMENT VILLAGE ON PHILPOTTS ROAD

Please note if you wish to visit businesses like Oderings Garden Centre, St Albans Play Centre and Cat Habitat Boarding Cattery or the Diana Isaac Retirement Village, you will need to use Innes Road to enter Philpotts Road. We can provide businesses with maps and instructions to help customers find you.

CYCLE

During the changes the shared user path on QEII Drive will remain open at all times. However there may be some changes before the final upgraded path is completed.

ORBITER BUS

From Monday 7 January 2019 the Orbiter bus will no longer travel via Philpotts Road, and will change to Innes Road and Cranford Street instead. More information about this change will be available on the Metroinfo website in mid-December: metroinfo.co.nz



The new CNC motorway will go over QEII Drive on a bridge

FAQ: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

Q: What about the work on QEII Drive from Main North Road to Grimseys Road?

A: The part of QEII Drive from Main North Road to Grimseys Road needs longer settlement time, the ground near this intersection is extremely soft. We plan to have this work completed by late February 2019. We will then swap the traffic on QEII Drive from Main North Road to Grimseys Road over to the new lanes. In late February 2019 the new Grimseys Road intersection will be open, with its final lay-out: left in and out only. We will send out a separate newsletter on Prestons Road work and partly opening the Grimseys Road intersection later this year.

The upgrade on the QEII Drive south side will take at least a year, the ground is soft so settlement will take a long time. The construction of the interchange (the two roundabouts) will happen in stages with many small traffic diversions. The motorway and QEII Drive upgrade, including the new shared user path and the southern interchange, will be ready in 2020.

Q: What is the southern interchange and how do I use it?

A: Access to and from QEII Drive and the new CNC motorway will be provided by double roundabouts below the new QEII Drive bridge. On and off ramps at QEII Drive will enable drivers to join or leave the motorway using the two roundabouts. Motorway drivers travelling to the eastern suburbs of Papanui, Harewood or Bryndwr can take the off-ramp at QEII Drive. Travellers on QEII Drive can get on the motorway at the roundabouts and head north of Christchurch or south to Cranford Street and the Central City. To see how this works, visit our website to watch an animated video on the southern interchange: www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/christchurch-motorways/christchurch-northern-corridor/videos/

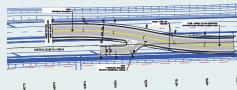
Q: What is happening to the shared user path on QEII Drive between Main North Road and Innes Road?

A: The existing QEII Drive shared user path will be upgraded and in some parts realigned to connect with the upgraded Grimseys Road Subway and newly build Winters Road subway. Cyclists and pedestrians will go underneath the new motorway using the Winters Road Subway. At the end of Winters Road east, the path connects with the existing upgraded path along QEII Drive. Using the Grimseys Road subway you will connect with the 11km shared user path along the new CNC motorway.





During the construction of the upgrade, Winters Road will have a temporary access road near our site office. You can turn left in and out onto QEII Drive.



During the construction of the upgrade, residents at 286, 288 and 290 QEII Drive will share a temporary access road, turning left in and out.

In mid-February 2019 when we swap the traffic over to the new lanes between Main North Road and Grimseys Road, the new Grimseys Road intersection will be left in and left out only.



SAFE ROADS - MARSHLAND TO BURWOOD

Safe Roads are starting a project next to us on SH74 from the Innes Road roundabout to Burwood Road.

This work will start before Christmas with investigations to locate the underground services (potholing). The work this year will have minimal traffic impact; shoulder closures are planned.

More information on this project can be found on the website: nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh74-marshland-to-burwood/

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

- Visit us anytime during office hours. Or drop in during our special QEII Drive sessions on Wednesday evening 12 December between 5pm and 7pm or Thursday 13 December between 2.30pm and 5.30pm. Our project site office is located at 145 Winters Road in Mairehau
- > Please sign up for our project updates at www.nzta.govt.nz/cnc or by emailing us at info@cncalliance.co.nz
- > Urgent question? Call us on 0800 262 200.





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