

Christchurch Northern Corridor QEII Drive west

PROJECT UPDATE

08 FEBRUARY 2019



NEW TRAFFIC LANES AND RE-OPENING GRIMSEYS ROAD INTERSECTION

As part of the Christchurch Northern Corridor (CNC) project QEII Drive will be four laned between Main North Road and Innes Road. In January we completed the two new lanes on QEII Drive east, between Winters Road and Hills Road. Now we are getting close to moving the traffic on QEII Drive, between Grimseys Road and Main North Road, over onto the new lanes. Once ready, the Grimseys Road intersection will open to its final lay out: left in and out only.

TRAFFIC IMPACT

The Grimseys Road intersection will close to all traffic from Wednesday night 20 February to construct the final surface. The traffic swap-over on QEII Drive west is scheduled for Sunday **10 March** depending on favourable weather for chip sealing and line marking. Once the traffic is on the new lanes we will re-open the Grimseys Road intersection (left in and out only).

For the safety of road users and workers a **60 km/h speed limit** will be in place on QEII Drive during the construction of the upgrade. Due to loose gravel the speed limit in the first weeks will be 50 km/h.

NIGHT WORK

To reduce congestion, road works near the Main North Road end on QEII Drive near St Bede's College is planned at night from Sunday evening 24 February for several nights till 7 March. Nearby residents may hear the noise from the grader and the rollers.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The upgrade on the QEII Drive south side (the existing lanes) will take at least a year. The ground is soft so settlement will take a long time.

We have started the construction of the Southern Interchange. The southern halves of the two roundabouts will be completed first, in around late September this year.

Following this the northern side will be completed. Once the southern halves of the roundabouts are complete, traffic on QEII Drive will drive around these halves.

The motorway and QEII Drive upgrade, including the new shared user path and the southern interchange, will be complete in mid-2020.



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Artist's impression of the QEII Drive Interchange - you can find a video on how to use the Southern Interchange when it is finished in 2020 on our website.

THE SOUTHERN INTERCHANGE

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 to 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/cnc

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- › Our standard construction work hours are Monday to Saturday between 7am and 7pm.
- › There will be increased noise and vibrations associated with most of the construction work. We will do what we can to minimise this.
- › Keep yourself and your children, as well as pets, at a safe distance from the work site. Please stay behind the construction fences at all times.
- › All work sites are subject to weather and other unforeseen conditions. Some jobs will finish early while others may be delayed or rescheduled.



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