

Christchurch Northern Corridor Progress Overview

PROJECT UPDATE

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LOCAL UPGRADES COMPLETED BY END OF JUNE, MOTORWAY OPEN LATE 2020

The Christchurch Northern Corridor (CNC) Alliance team is making good progress and is working towards completing the project. By mid-2020 we will have all local roads open to all traffic: Prestons, Radcliffe, Belfast, Guthries, Philpotts, Winters, Hills, Innes and Cranford. These local roads will be free of construction and traffic impact: no more CNC road cones.

The upgrade of SH74 QEII Drive to four lanes, between Main North Road and Innes Road roundabout, will also be completed mid this year. The renovated subways at Hills Road and Grimseys Road, together with the QEII Drive shared use path will also be free of temporary fencing and cones by end of June. The local road work on Tram Road will continue till end of 2020.

Upcoming Milestones

There will be one more night time road closure on QEII Drive to remove the scaffolding on the bridge, planned for 22 March. Major work on Prestons Road, where we tie in the existing road with the bridge abutments is planned for mid-April.

The Winters Road and Philpotts Road intersections with QEII Drive will be opened to their final permanent lay outs in April and early May respectively. Cranford Street/Innes Road intersection upgrade is nearing completion, and will be finished by May.

Motorway and cycle path completion

The CNC shared use path, the bridge cycle and pedestrian clip-on over the Waimakariri River and the new motorway are expected to be officially opened just before Christmas. Where we can open completed parts of the shared use path south of the Waimakariri Bridge, before December, we will do so.

Work on SH1 north and south of the Waimakariri Bridge will continue. Road sealing and the installation of large gantries will require some lane and road closures as well as night work. Please expect delays. The motorway gantries will hold traffic signs and cameras. Planned delays will be advertised.

More information on all our work is available online: www.nzta.govt.nz/cnc



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The project alignment looking south from Tram Road overbridge.



Top to bottom right: Tram Road carpool lane under construction; new traffic island at McFaddens Road; Prestons Road kerb work; Southern Interchange roundabout takes shape.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- › **What is happening downstream from Innes Road on Cranford Street?** The Christchurch City Council has started the downstream works on Cranford Street and surrounding streets to mitigate the effect of increased traffic coming from the new motorway onto the local roading network. The work will be completed by the middle of the year.
- › **Why is the work on the motorway taking longer?** The inclusion to the CNC project of a third southbound lane (carpool) lane on the bridge and the clip-on cycleway in April 2017, has significantly increased the work programme on SH1 on both sides of the bridge. In addition, ground settlement times took longer than anticipated. Although we expected the soft ground conditions, in some particular areas we still needed longer soil consolidation. To open the motorway in mid-2020 we would need to seal the road by April when the weather and ground conditions are optimal (dry and warm enough). As we removed the surcharge layer (which enables settlement) later than expected, this sealing date can't be met this autumn.
- › **When are you doing the final sealing works?** To ensure all the ground is firm enough to build on and the seal is applied correctly and to last, we are rescheduling the sealing work to spring 2020.

WHAT ALTERNATIVE ARE YOU TAKING?

- › Along the CNC motorway there will be a separate shared use path to cycle and walk between suburbs or cycle from the north to the CBD.
- › There will be T2/carpool lanes for people sharing their ride.
- › Direct bus services are being planned from Rangiora/Kaiapoi to town when the CNC motorway is finished.
- › New park and ride facilities are being built in Rangiora and Kaiapoi.
- › Watch the animation on carpool lanes on our website: www.nzta.govt.nz/cnc



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