

74 Northern Arterial and Queen Elizabeth II Drive four-laning

Christchurch Northern Access Corridor



An efficient and reliable transport network into, out of and across Greater Christchurch is critical to the social, economic and environmental future of the city and South Island.

- Transportation investigations and studies for the northern access to Christchurch have been carried out over a number of years.
 - These include the Christchurch Northern Roding Options Scoping Study (2002), the Christchurch Northern Access Transport Investigation (2009), and more recently the Greater Christchurch Transport Statement (2012).
- These studies have guided our transport planning and ensure this works together with the growth plans for Greater Christchurch.
 - Both the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy and the Belfast Area Plan identify Northern Christchurch as a key growth area but this will only be successful for Christchurch if northern access is improved at the same time.
- The aim of the Greater Christchurch Transport Statement is a “seamless transport system” that supports earthquake recovery and the growth of Canterbury. It will connect people with places using a range of transport options.
- Priority areas include:
 - Port/ Airport access
 - Public transport
 - Freight growth
 - Access for future residential and industrial growth
 - Effective links to the Central City
- The Northern Arterial Project, along with the Northern Arterial Extension and Cranford Street Upgrade form part of the northern access into Christchurch, and will contribute positively to all of these priority areas.