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Project timeline

1962 – Northern Arterial Concept Route Proposed

Christchurch Regional Planning Authority proposed the route as part of a Master Transport Plan for Christchurch

1972 and 1974 – Northern Arterial Designated

The Northern Arterial Designation included in the first review of the Christchurch City District Scheme in 1972 and in the Waimari District Scheme in 1974

1980's and early 1990's – Refinement and Removal of parts of the Designation

The Northern Arterial Designation reviewed in the mid 1980's and narrowed in width at the Redwood/Belfast portion in 1989. Later, the St Albans portion of the designation removed from the Christchurch City District Scheme

1995 – Current Designation

The Christchurch City Plan confirmed the Northern Arterial Designation in its current location and width

2002 - Christchurch Northern Roading Options Scoping Study (NROSS)

The NROSS study confirmed the Northern Arterial Project as a top priority.

2007 – The Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy (UDS), Belfast Area Plan and the Greater Christchurch Travel Demand Management Strategy and Action Plan

The Northern Arterial Project supports the urban growth plans for northern Christchurch. These strategies and plans establish the direction and actions to achieve a sustainable transport system by 2026.

March 2009 – RoNS

Government announces Roads of national significance (RoNS) programme that includes the Northern Arterial Project

2009 – Christchurch Northern Access Transport Investigations (CNATI)

Identified a multi-modal package of transportation projects to address issues in northern Christchurch over coming decades. The projects (including the Northern Arterial Project) form a set of interdependent and complementary transport activities.

Mid 2010 – Consideration of Options

Scoping to consider design options and alternatives

March 2010 to September 2011 – Consultation

Community Consultation:

Issues and Opportunities March 2010

Alignment and Options August 2010

The Preferred Solution September 2011

2011 – The Preferred Solution

Detailed refinement of the Preferred Solution

December 2012 – Greater Christchurch Transport Statement

Establishes a framework for an integrated approach to planning, prioritizing and implementing the transport network and services in the Greater Christchurch area. The Northern corridor is a priority area in the Greater Christchurch Transport Statement.

2012 to 2014 – Consenting Programme and Design Development

The Notice of Requirement to alter the existing Designation lodged with Council May 2012. Public notification (including a submission period is expected late in 2013, with a public hearing likely in early 2014.

Further development of the design of the Preferred Solution

2015 – Construction

Construction is scheduled to begin after 2015

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