

# Northern Corridor Projects

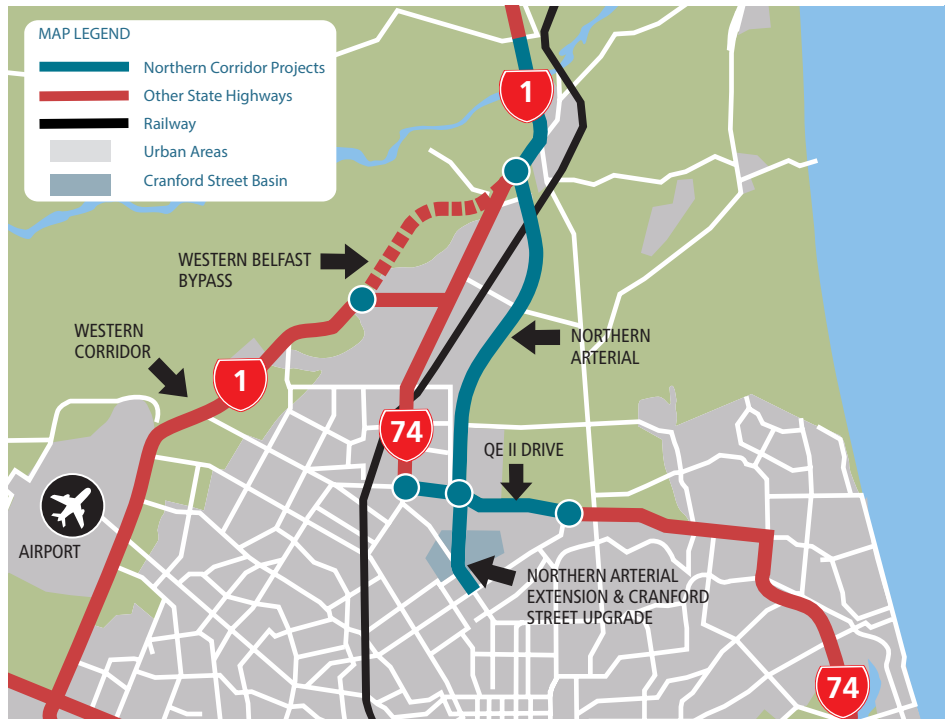
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## Project update

North Christchurch and Canterbury are growing and this is expected to continue. Because of this growth we need to make improvements to the road network. The Northern Corridor Projects have been designed to reduce congestion; provide a direct connection with the central city and Lyttelton Port; and encourage alternative modes of transport.

In this newsletter we will:

- Update you on these Northern Corridor Projects:
  - Northern Arterial and QEII Drive Upgrade
  - Northern Arterial Extension and Cranford Street Upgrade
- Update you on the Cranford Street Basin Project
- Let you know when submissions can be made on these projects



## WHAT IS THE NORTHERN ARTERIAL PROJECT?

A new section of four lane highway connecting QEII Drive with the existing Motorway north of Belfast.

This project also includes the addition of a third northbound lane on the Waimakariri Motorway Bridge through to Tram Road,

the four-laning of QEII Drive from Main North Road to Innes Road and an off-road pedestrian and cycle link between QEII Drive and Belfast Road.

This project is part of the Government's Roads of National Significance programme and will:

- Support the urban growth plans for northern Christchurch (detailed in the Urban Development Strategy and the Belfast Area Plan)
- Provide safer streets by moving heavy and commuter traffic off suburban roads – particularly in Redwood and Belfast
- Make travel times shorter and more reliable in and out of Christchurch
- Improve access to the central city and to Lyttelton Port
- Support economic growth by moving people and goods more quickly and efficiently.



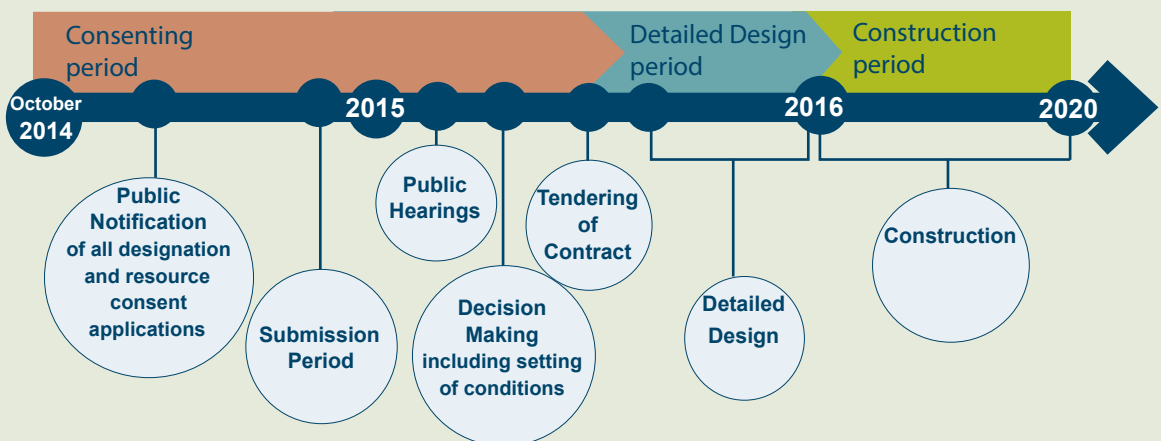
Looking North towards QEII Drive

The Northern Arterial route has been included in the city's plans and strategies since the 1960s.

## PROJECT TIMEFRAMES

*We have done this:*

- Preliminary design
- Technical and environmental assessments
- Ongoing consultation and communication with the community
- Consideration of alternatives
- Designation and resource consent applications



## WHAT IS THE NORTHERN ARTERIAL EXTENSION AND CRANFORD STREET UPGRADE PROJECT?

A new section of four-lane road connecting the Northern Arterial from QEII, through to Cranford Street and the upgrade of Cranford Street to four lanes (mainly within the existing road corridor) through to Innes Road. The project includes:

- A new roundabout connecting the Northern Arterial Extension to Cranford Street
- The removal of on-street parking and relocation of bus stops on both sides of Cranford Street between Innes and Mcfaddens Road
- A raised central median on Cranford Street through to Innes Road. This will prevent right turns into and out of Cranford Street

- Dedicated cycle lanes on Cranford Street and off-road cycleways adjoining the Northern Arterial Extension
- A pedestrian and cycling overbridge at the southern end of the Northern Arterial Extension
- The development of the Cranford Basin as a wetland for stormwater detention and treatment.

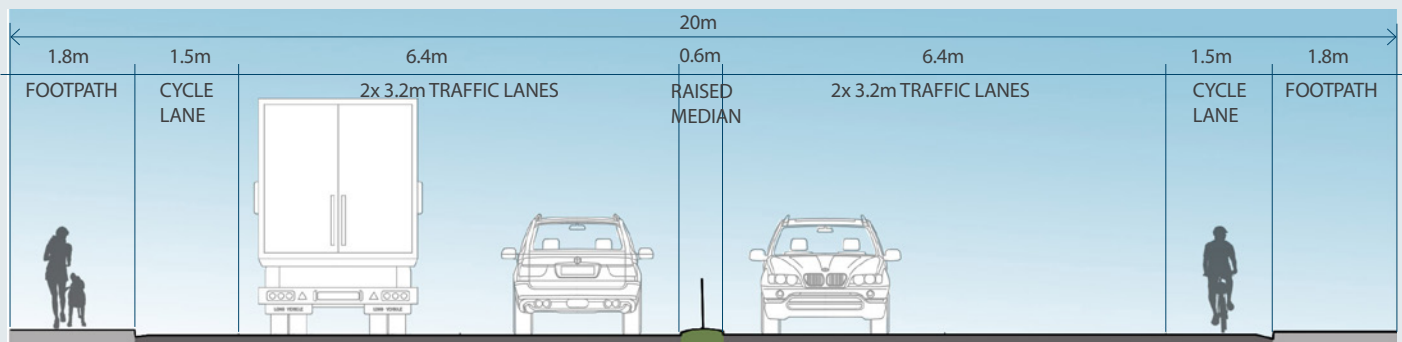
This project is an essential part of the Northern Corridor package of improvements and has been included in the strategic plans for the city's roading network for many years.

It will:

- Improve access to the city from north of Christchurch

- Enhance pedestrian and cycle connectivity to the city
- Reduce congestion, enhance safety and improve travel times
- Protect against flooding and improve water quality as well as providing ecological benefits and recreational opportunities (as a result of the Cranford Basin stormwater project).

The Christchurch City Council project team is working with property owners to purchase the land needed for this project at the Innes Road/Cranford Street intersection and within Cranford Basin.



A cross-section of the Cranford Street Upgrade (south of Mcfaddens Road)

### WHAT HAPPENS SOUTH OF INNES ROAD?

The current project extends as far as Innes Road. However, we are working out what the future traffic demand will be in St Albans and the central city so planning can be completed for future upgrades on Cranford Street and Innes Road. We expect that, as the central city develops and new residential and commercial areas establish, traffic demand will become more settled and predictable. As this information becomes available we will develop plans to manage increased traffic, which may include intersection upgrades, peak hour clearways or parking restrictions.

### WHAT IS PROPOSED FOR THE CRANFORD BASIN?

Cranford Basin is a large natural ponding area critical to stormwater management and flood protection in the city. We want to protect Cranford Basin on both sides of Cranford Street with a designation so it can't be built on in the future. This will enable us to make improvements to stormwater quality and reduce the possibility of flooding. In the future it may also be possible to return the area to a more natural wetland state, providing recreation opportunities. (The proposal for the Basin is in accordance with the Styx/ Pūrākaunui Stormwater Management Plan).

### HAVE YOUR SAY...

These projects need to go through a designation and consenting process. As part of this process you can make a submission for or against the projects. This process is expected to start in November 2014. Public notification will be made in The Press and The Star and information will be available on the CCC website - Have Your Say. Directly affected property owners will be notified by mail.



View of Cranford Street in the vicinity of the proposed roundabout

### WANT TO KNOW MORE?

#### NORTHERN ARTERIAL & QEII UPGRADE



Information on the NZ Transport Agency's Northern Arterial project is available at: [www.nzta.govt.nz/northernarterial](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/northernarterial)  
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