

Northern Arterial

PROJECT UPDATE

January 2016

ENABLING WORK ON BELFAST ROAD



Work is about to start building two embankments on Belfast Road to enable the future construction of a bridge over the Northern Arterial Motorway.

Building the embankments now will allow land settlement to take place before work gets underway late this year building the Northern Arterial.

To make this work possible, a temporary road will be built around the site to the south of Belfast Road. Road users should not be greatly inconvenienced by this work.

The NZ Transport Agency has awarded the contract for the embankment work to Downer who will get started on site in mid-January.

Project Benefits



LINKING
COMMUNITIES



REDUCED
CONGESTION



ENABLE
EFFICIENT PUBLIC
TRANSPORT



REDUCED
COMMUTER
TRAVEL TIME



SUPPORT
ECONOMIC
GROWTH



JOB CREATION
AND ACCESS
TO JOBS



IMPROVE
SAFETY



IMPROVE
WALKING
AND CYCLING

WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE NORTHERN ARTERIAL NOW?

The Transport Agency is currently going through a process to appoint a team of contractors to build the Northern Arterial. The chosen construction team will be appointed mid-year and should be ready to start construction in late 2016. The Northern Arterial will take 3 to 3½ years to build.

BACKGROUND ON THE NORTHERN ARTERIAL

The Northern Arterial project is a new four-lane, median separated highway starting at the end of the existing Christchurch Northern Motorway, south of the Waimakariri River bridges, and will run east of Belfast and Redwood, connecting with QEII Drive near Winters Road.

The construction of the Northern Arterial will divert more traffic onto QEII Drive so this road will also be upgraded from two lanes to four, between Main North Road and Innes Road helping to reduce congestion and delays for traffic travelling to the port.

The project also includes the addition of a third northbound lane on the bridge over the Waimakariri River through to Tram Road and an off-road pedestrian and cycle facilities alongside the new motorway.

The route designation for the Northern Arterial has been in place since the 1970's. However, it required widening to allow for a modern motorway design. Public consultation and preliminary design was carried out from 2010 to mid-2013. The project was publicly notified in 2014 and all consents and the extended designation are now in place.



Information on this project is available at www.nzta.govt.nz/northern-arterial

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