



About the project

Kā Huanui a Tāhuna is delivering improvements to State Highway 6 and 6A (SH6/6A) to support an efficient and reliable transport network.

We all know the State Highway 6/6A intersection in Frankton (BP roundabout) is at capacity at peak travel times. We are planning improvements to this intersection so that you can get where you need to go, quickly and easily.

Making it easier for people to get around gives people more choice about how they travel, helping to relieve some pressure at this important connection for Queenstown.

As part of this work, power, gas, fibre, and stormwater pipes are being moved out from underneath the State Highway 6/6A intersection and into Gray and McBride Streets, and then the Gray-McBride intersection is being completely rebuilt.

We expect the underground and road and footpath rebuild work to take approximately one year, depending on the weather.

Then, we will move into the construction works to change the highway layout and replace the SH6/6A roundabout with traffic signals.

Gray-McBride Streets and the SH6/6A intersection, before and after construction:



Before



After



Gray-McBride project stages

The Gray-McBride section of this work has been split into two stages. Stage 1 involves undergrounding the power network, and will be least disruptive to local businesses, residents and people visiting or travelling through this area.

The more disruptive parts of this work, such as trenching across the streets and night work, will be done during Stage 2. We will plan this work to minimise impacts as much as possible. Stage 2 is expected to take place from late September 2024.

This information outlines what you can expect during Stage 1 of work on Gray-McBride Streets, with Stage 2 notices to be shared with you in coming months.



Stage 1 of the Gray-McBride works involves undergrounding our power network. **Note: Service locations are indicative only.**



Questions and answers

How long it will take?

The Gray-McBride intersection rebuild will take approximately 12 months to complete. Stage 1 of Gray-McBride (dayworks) is expected to be underway until late September, and Stage 2 (which includes some work at night) from then until winter 2025. We will then start construction to change the highway layout and replace SH6/6A roundabout with traffic signals.

When will you be working at night?

In Stage 2 of the Gray-McBride work, short periods of night work will take place in April-May 2025 when the final road layers go on. Otherwise, we are working during the day.

How will I know when construction is starting in my area?

We will give you plenty of notice of upcoming works. As we move into construction you will see team members door knocking, circulating information leaflets, and providing updates on social media and via our e-newsletter.

We want to provide you with the most up to date information as quickly as we can, so you can be prepared and plan your travel. We appreciate the works are disruptive, particularly for residents in the area – but in some instances it is unavoidable.

To receive regular updates on Kā Huanui a Tāhuna projects, including the Queenstown Package, please sign up to our e-newsletter via our project website www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/queenstown-package/ or follow the NZ Transport Agency Otago & Southland Facebook page.

Why is it taking one year for this Gray-McBride section of work?

We know a year is a long time and that road works are frustrating. Several factors have influenced this timeframe:

- **Minimising disruption:** We're doing all underground services in integrated stages so we don't do one at one depth and complete it, seal it over and then come back several months later and disrupt everyone all over again. We're working to an integrated plan.
- **Maximising efficiency:** When a working team occupies one area for a longer time, they can build one set of trenches, get all their services laid and connected, and then the road and footpath can be built without other work teams interrupting.
- **Good, planned staging:** Completing the Gray-McBride intersection prepares us to work on the bus hub and SH6/6A Frankton intersection.
- **Smart traffic planning:** There are viable local detour routes within Frankton that can take the pressure off local traffic.
- **Time-limited construction season:** It is not possible to surface or construct road pavements during the winter season from May to September. This surfacing constraint is standard for the winter in New Zealand, however, the restriction on pavement construction is unique to the South Island/Queenstown Lakes area due to the local climate and freezing and thawing of the pavement. The ground temperature is at 0 degrees or less all winter – and even without this consideration, it wouldn't be dry enough to successfully surface new roads.

How can I get more information?

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