



SH75 Halswell Road improvements

Work starting soon



Construction is about to kick off

We're about to start work on a two and a half year project to make it easier and safer for everyone who travels along Halswell Road between Dunbars Road and Curletts Road.

The bus lanes we're going to build will make bus travel more efficient by increasing bus reliability and improving journey times while the off-road paths will help provide more travel choices along Halswell Road between Dunbars Road and Curletts Road. This work will make the road fit and safer for the growing number of vehicles using it.

Fulton Hogan has been awarded the construction contract, and you will see members of the team setting up and starting site preparation including checking ground conditions and other necessary work ahead of starting construction.

What's happening first?

Initial work will focus on the Aidanfield Drive intersection and tree removal along the project area.

The ground beneath Halswell Road is home to pipes and cables for several services including water, stormwater, sewer, traffic signals, power and telecommunications. Some utilities may need to be relocated or new services installed.

The first works at the intersection include installing stormwater pipes and removing the current road surface so the new road can be built. A temporary traffic management layout will be required at the intersection.

Trees

To create the room needed to relocate existing and install new underground services, Fulton Hogan will be removing about 58 trees from along the project area in early May. This will ensure the services are in the right place once they start changing the road layout and that they can carry out other work.

Removing the trees is also necessary to make room for bus stops and shelters, and for the shared paths and the off-road cycle path.

This work will take about two weeks to complete and will be done on weekdays between 7am and 7pm.

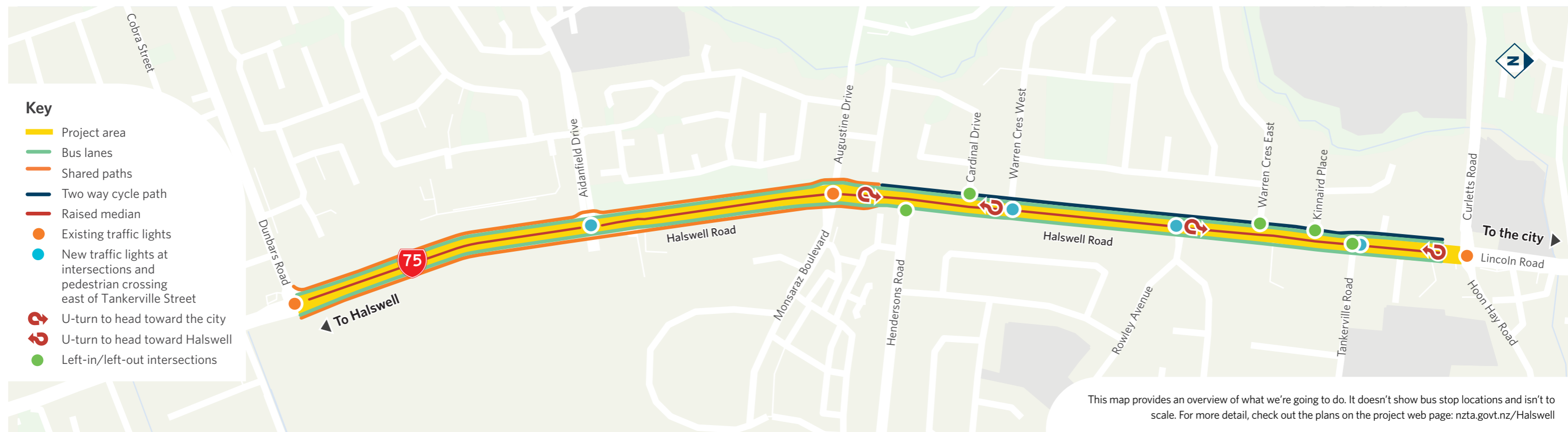
The tree limbs will be removed and then the trunks brought down. Chainsaws and chippers will be used to complete the work quickly and efficiently, but it will be noisy.

We know trees are an important part of every community and have worked to keep as many as possible. While it is a difficult decision to remove trees, it needs to be balanced with the need to provide better options for people travelling along this increasingly busy stretch of Halswell Road, both now and as our community grows.

For every tree removed, we will plant two more within the project area where possible and are working with Christchurch City Council on other potential locations.

Fulton Hogan is looking into ways the mulch and wood from the felled trees can be used by local community groups or charities.

On the back page, we provide you with information on how you can stay up to date with changing traffic conditions and project updates, and contact details so that you can raise any issue of concern with us.



What are we building?

Bus lanes in both directions

- these will increase bus reliability and improve bus journey times between the south-west suburbs and the central city
- cyclists, who would like to ride on-road, will be able to use the wide (4.2m) bus lanes

Bus lane operating hours

- Between Augustine Drive and Curletts Road heading into the city (north side of the road)
 - Monday to Friday - from 7am to 9am
 - Saturday from 10am to 2pm.
- Between Curletts Road and Monsaraz Boulevard heading out of the city towards Halswell (south side of the road)
 - Monday to Friday - from 3pm to 6pm
 - Saturday from 10am to 2pm.
- Between Augustine Drive/Monsaraz Boulevard and Dunbars Road - full time (24/7) in both directions.

Bus stop locations and features

We have reviewed the number, spacing and location of the bus stops along this stretch of SH75 Halswell Road to make them as easy to get to for as many people as possible.

All bus stops will have a seat, all city bound stops and some Halswell bound stops will have shelters, and some will have Real Time Information (providing accurate information about bus arrival times).

Check out the project web pages for more information about the new bus stop locations and features: nzta.govt.nz/Halswell

Parking

Outside of operating hours, bus lanes between Augustine Drive/Monsaraz Boulevard and Curletts Road can be used for on-street parking.

Paths

- A 3m wide shared path on both sides of Halswell Road, between Dunbars Road and Augustine Drive/Monsaraz Boulevard for people walking, scooting or cycling
- A two-way cycle path on the northern side of Halswell Road, between Augustine Drive and Curletts Road in addition to the existing footpath (this will give the choice of cycling off the road as well as in the bus lanes).

Intersections and pedestrian crossing with lights

- A new four-legged intersection at Aidanfield Drive and new intersections at Rowley Avenue and Warren Crescent (west) all with traffic lights and pedestrian crossings improving safety for people walking, scooting and cycling.
- A new pedestrian crossing with traffic lights to the east of Tankerville Road, close to bus stops, will make it safer for school students and residents to cross Halswell Road.

Raised median and U-turn locations

A 1m wide raised median along Halswell Road (between Dunbars Road and Curletts Road) will improve safety by removing right-turns which will reduce the risk of crashes when drivers exit driveways and side streets.

There will be locations where drivers can change direction:

A specific U-turn signal/light at these intersections:

- Rowley Avenue (to turn around to head toward the city)
- Warren Crescent (west) (to turn around to head toward Halswell)

Dedicated U-turn bays:

- prior to the Halswell Road/Curletts Road/Hoon Hay Road intersection (to turn around to head toward Halswell)
- prior to the Halswell Road/Monsaraz Boulevard/Augustine Drive intersection (to turn around to head toward the city).

Halswell Timber will have a dedicated right turn bay.

Street lighting

Street lighting will be upgraded.

Design update

We can now confirm the location of bus stops and bus shelters as proposed and shown on the plans on the project web page: nzta.govt.nz/Halswell

We will not be building the raised safety platform at the Aidanfield Drive intersection and the raised pedestrian crossing east of Tankerville Road. The intersection and crossing will be flush with the road. The traffic lights at both locations will be installed as planned.

What will this mean for you, the Halswell Road Community, and commuters?

There is a lot of work to do along the 2.6km stretch of road over the next two and a half years.

We know this is a long time and that road works are frustrating. Fulton Hogan is developing construction methods to ensure work can be done efficiently and safely while also minimising disruption to residents, local businesses/services, and road users. However, it is inevitable there will be some disruption and changes to traffic management.

Fulton Hogan will put in place measures to minimise noise, dust, and vibration.

Traffic impacts during the work

Access to properties, businesses and services

Access will be maintained. However, Fulton Hogan may need to work in front of driveways from time to time. They will give notice of this and will work with individuals to minimise impacts.

On-street parking

Where roadworks are underway and in an effort to balance the needs of access and safety, on-street parking in the affected areas is unlikely to be available.

Driving through the work site

Please drive with care through the work site, allow extra time, follow signs and look out for changes to the road layout.

Project updates

As the project progresses, we'll update you ahead of any significant changes to traffic layouts and the work site.



Two lanes

Two lanes will be kept open to traffic during most of the work.



Temporary speed restriction

A temporary 30km/h speed restriction will be in place.

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Temporary traffic management layouts

Several temporary traffic management layouts will be in place as the project progresses.



Walking and cycling safety

To keep school students and other people walking and cycling safe, pedestrian refuges will be provided, along with temporary fencing sitewide.

Hours of work

Usually, **most work will be carried out from Monday to Friday between 7am and 7pm, and on Saturdays if needed.**

There will, occasionally, be a need to work at night and if we do, the majority will be on the state highway. Night work is undertaken when the work would be too disruptive to traffic during the day.

Fulton Hogan will notify directly affected residents ahead of any night work. The first instance of this could be at the Aidanfield Drive intersection.

Staying up to date

To receive ongoing updates on the project, if you haven't already, subscribe to our electronic updates by visiting the project web page: nzta.govt.nz/Halswell. If you scroll down the page, you will see a "subscribe to updates" field which invites you to leave your name and email address so that we can email you directly with any significant changes to traffic management and let you know how the project is progressing.

If you don't have email, please ask a family member or friend to subscribe on your behalf and keep you up to date.

Fulton Hogan will be in contact with people who will be directly affected by the work they will be doing.



Who to contact

Please contact Fulton Hogan on **0800 ROAD FH** (0800 7623 34) Monday to Friday, 8am-5pm, to discuss any specific access needs such as nurse/doctor visits or Meals on Wheels deliveries to your property. Contact at any time if the matter is urgent.

If you have a more general query about the project, please email us at **Halswell.Road@nzta.govt.nz**