

Ponsonby Road

Pedestrian Improvements Project



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Following final consultation in July 2016, service investigation works will begin this month in preparation for the Ponsonby Road Pedestrian Improvements Project along Ponsonby Road.

The project is funded by the Waitemata Local Board and Auckland Transport (AT) and will be completed as a series of mini projects over several stages.

The changes are aimed at creating a safer, more appealing environment for pedestrians, improved pedestrian connectivity across the roads and space for street furniture or other amenities. It will also help slow down vehicles turning into and out of side streets.

Some of the improvements include widening the footpath around the intersections and constructing a speed table across each intersection. New trees and street furniture will make the area an even more attractive place in which to spend time.

Before physical construction begins, Auckland Transport will begin investigating the services below ground.

Stage One—preliminary investigations will begin this month and Downer NZ will be undertaking this work. More information on the construction of the Ponsonby Pedestrian Improvements Project will be provided prior to this work starting.

Information explaining investigation works and the areas where we will be working is shown over page.

Thank You for your patience and understanding while we carry out this work.

Stage One	Starting early February 2017 for approximately three days
Work Times	Saw cutting—7am—11am Hydro excavating 9pm—5am
Work Days	Sunday—Tuesday
Duration	The saw cutting will take up to one hour per intersection. Hydro excavation will take approximately three hours per intersection.
Traffic Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To keep pedestrians and our workers safe, some traffic management will be set in place around the work area. When each discipline is complete temporary traffic management will be lifted and works will relocate to the next intersection. Some street parking will be impacted during night works.
Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During work hours, traffic controllers will assist vehicles and pedestrians to move safely around the work site. Pedestrian access will be maintained.
Weather and below ground conditions	Unforeseen circumstances such as weather and below ground conditions may impact the project timeframes.
Impacts	See over page for details of what to expect.
Construction Contacts:	Downer Stakeholder Manager: Carol Moffatt DDI: 09 580 4900
Underground Services	In the unlikely event we disrupt your service (e.g. power, gas, water, phone) please contact Derek Larkins Site Supervisor immediately on 027 548 6746 or by visiting the site.

Stage One—investigation work location and work details

Where is the work? Downer NZ will be undertaking investigations at eight streets that intersect with Ponsonby Road.

Those streets are: **Collingwood Street, Lincoln Street , Anglesea Street, Norfolk Street , Douglas Street, Brown Street, MacKelvie Street and Pollen Street**

Why do we undertake preliminary investigations?

Before construction of the project begins, we must investigate the services below ground. Service investigations are small preliminary excavations made to gain an idea of the below surface conditions of a road or footpath. These investigations will help determine the methods in which we construct a project.

What to expect with below Ground investigations:

Two teams will be undertaking different disciplines of work in each intersection.

Saw Cutting—A team will arrive on site to saw cut sections to the existing surface. These cuts take about 30 minutes per corner and will be completed before opening hours. When these cuts are complete all traffic management will be lifted.

Excavating —a new team with specialised equipment will remove the existing surface and hydro excavate below ground to expose all services below. When excavating is complete the test pits will be temporarily resurfaced with asphalt and the area will be made safe for pedestrians.

Each intersection is unique in regards to the services running below ground and the number of investigation pits will vary between intersections. There may be up to two investigation pits per corner to expose intercepting services.



Above diagram best demonstrates a corner investigation layout.



Above image: Hydro excavating truck.

What is hydro excavating?

Hydro excavation is a non-mechanical, non-destructive process that uses pressurized water and industrial strength vacuum to simultaneously excavate and evacuate soil. As hydro excavation safely breaks up soil, the soil and water slurry is conveyed by vacuum to a debris tank.

Stage One—proposed timing of works at each intersection

Locations	Saw Cutting		Hydro-excavation	Day	
Lincoln Street	7 am—8am	We will meet with the businesses on each corner to discuss timing prior to works starting. Cutting is a short operation and will create noise. On average cutting will take about 30 minutes per corner.	After 9pm	Sun	On average each corner will take up to 3 hours to complete. Hydro excavation trucks generates noise while operating. The noise will be similar to that of a heavy truck idling.
Collingwood Street	7am—9am		9pm—11pm	Mon	
Anglesea Street	10am—11am		After 11pm	Sun	
Norfolk Street	8am—9am		After 11pm	Sun	
Douglas Street	7am—8am		After 11 pm	Mon	
Brown Street	8am—9am		After 10pm	Mon	
MacKelvie Street	7am—10am		After 11pm	Mon	
Pollen Street	9am—10am		After 10pm	Sun	