

Week of 8th January 2018

Thank you all for your patience over the last few weeks, especially given the holiday period. We have been working hard while trains haven't been running to get to a point where we can continue works without any need to effect the train timetable. We had fantastic weather for the first half of the works, and even the recent wild weather wasn't able to slow us down too much.

Western Abutment

On the Cowie Street side of the bridge we have completed:

- all the temporary works; and
- all of the excavation for the western bridge abutment.

This means we can reduce quite a large number of truck movements up and down Cowie Street which would otherwise have been taken place over the next few weeks.

We also managed to move a number of precast concrete blocks into the site, again

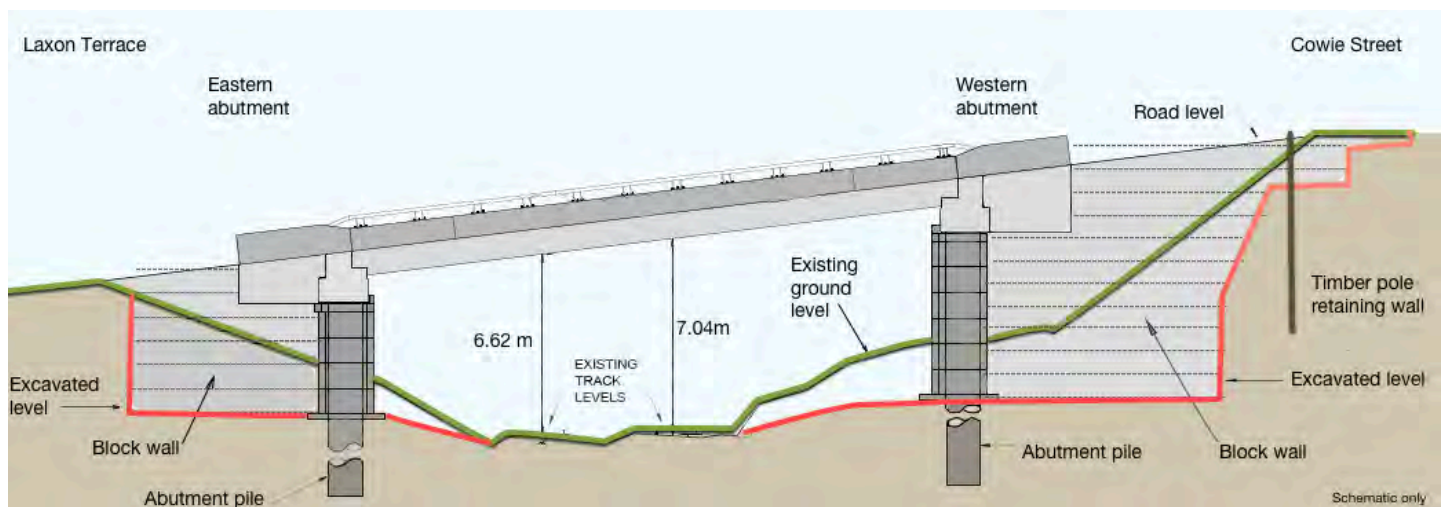
reducing the amount we have to deliver down Cowie Street.

We have also placed our crane on

this side, and erected a timber hoarding to separate our works from the railway.



Auger drilling holes for temporary pole retaining wall at bottom of Cowie St



Key aspects of the works since Christmas include:

- Built a temporary rail crossing and access road;
- Installed six 900mm diameter piles to a depth of 12 metres;
- Installed four 225mm diameter timber poles to a depth of eight metres
- Excavated over 700 cubic metres of material;
- Placed over 200 cubic metres of concrete to replace the poor ground where the abutment is to be built;
- Installed the timber rail separation hoarding.

Eastern Abutment

On the Newmarket Park side of the bridge we have not achieved as much as we had hoped. Just before Christmas we found a number of unmarked and unknown power and fibre optic cables in the area of the bridge abutment. This meant we had to revise the works planned for the rail shutdown period. We were limited to placing the first few rows of precast blocks and the erection of the timber hoarding.

We have been working to find a solution to the presence of the fibre optic cables. Subject to agreement by the cable owners, we think we have developed a way to continue works next week without any significant delay.

Key aspects of the works since Christmas include:

- Excavated the front face of the abutment;
- Placed the first two rows of the precast abutment blocks
- Installed the timber rail; separation hoarding

Upcoming works

Over the coming weeks, we will begin to see more vehicle movements on Cowie Street as

this is now our only access to the Western Abutment. We will begin bringing in the fill for the abutment and remaining precast blocks.

The current parking arrangements at 9 Cowie St should remain as they are for the time being. At

some stage over the next few weeks, we will remove some of the heavier limbs from the poplar tree at the end of Cowie Street which overhang the carpark. We will let you know when we have a confirmed date.



Eastern Abutment first layer of blocks in place



Reinforcing cage for temporary piles on Western Abutment

We expect Stage 1 of the West Abutment to be completed over the next four to five weeks. We will be building the Eastern Abutment at the same time, with a similar increase in vehicle movements on Sarawia Street/Laxon Terrace bringing in the fill and the precast blocks.

Some of the heavy plant and equipment used over Christmas will now be removed from site. As occurred when this plant and equipment was brought to site,

you may find that Sarawia Street/Laxon Terrace is temporarily blocked for 10-15 minutes at times while the large transporter trucks manoeuvre in and out of the site. As always, we appreciate your understanding and patience while this occurs.

COWIE STREET

Monday 8th–Saturday 13th Jan

- Concrete block deliveries;
- Concrete deliveries;
- Aggregate deliveries.

SARAWIA STREET & LAXON TERRACE

Monday 8th–Saturday 13th Jan

- Concrete block deliveries;
- Concrete deliveries;
- Aggregate deliveries;
- Plant and machinery transport.

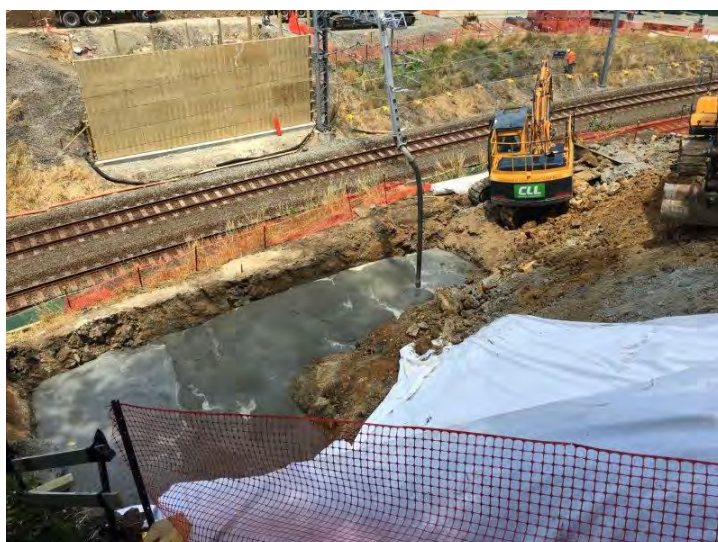
Thanks again for your patience and cooperation over the last few weeks. We will continue to do our best to minimise the disruption.



Temporary access road across tracks to Western Abutment



Foundation prepared for front of Eastern Abutment



Concrete ground replacement for Western Abutment



Timber separation hoardings (Western Abutment on right)