

Newmarket Level Crossing Update 19

23 April 2018

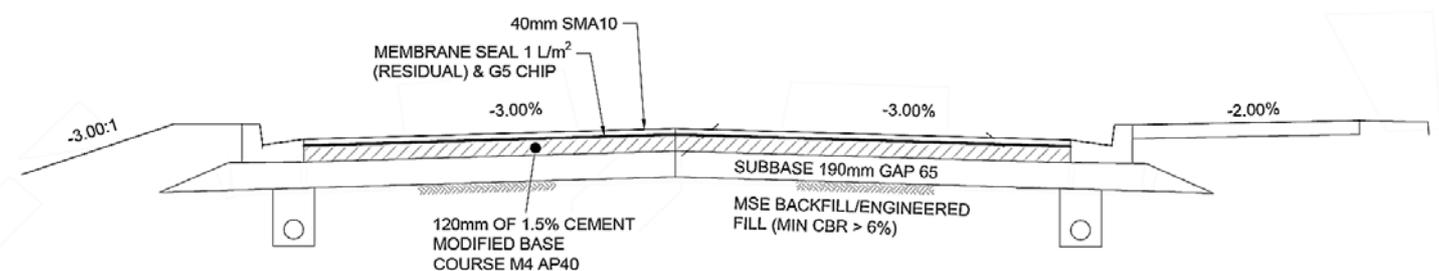
Week of 23rd April 2018

Good progress continued over the last week with a significant milestone - we have finished the two main retaining walls running along the new Laxon Terrace. This has allowed us to remove the temporary pedestrian diversion that we had in place and redirect pedestrians onto the footpath built on top of the retaining wall. Thank you for your patience while the temporary stairs and the crossing of the access road were in use.

Road construction

We are currently forming the road and replacing the bluestone kerbs in **Cowie Street**. We have also started to replace the old vehicle entrances with new concrete pads. We understand the impact we are having on the residents in Cowie Street and we appreciate your cooperation with the Traffic Controllers as we work to finish the works as soon as possible.

The new section of **Laxon Terrace** has four layers of material (see below), The first at the bottom is the subgrade. This is overlain by the subbase then the basecourse and finally topped with a seal. Each layer must be well compacted to achieve the required strength. We are now putting down the subbase on the new section and we are making our way towards the existing Laxon Terrace.



Subgrade in place on the new section of Laxon Terrace ready for the subbase

We plan to start next week on the works for the **existing Laxon Terrace**. We will send out a notice to give more details about the traffic management that will be in place and the expected sequence of works.

Stormwater

Connecting to the existing stormwater pipes in Cowie St has taken a bit longer than expected. We have had to replace two catchpits that were planned to stay in place because of their poor condition and ageing construction. We have one more catchpit to connect in the westbound lane in Cowie Street.

We have successfully drilled two stormwater lines with a combined length of 135 metres down into Newmarket Park. We are now

installing the manholes and connecting to the pre-existing ones to complete these works.

Severed cable

Last week we had an unfortunate incident in which an old phone cable was damaged when we removed an existing catchpit in Cowie Street.

Unbeknownst to the digger operator, and not shown on the official drawings used the plan the job, this cable was embedded in the wall of the catchpit. This construction method would not be acceptable today.

Chorus attended to the incident promptly and repaired the line but there was still some disruption to phone and internet services. We apologise for the inconvenience caused.

We are grateful for the prompt notification of the issue we received. We appreciate your feedback or concerns on anything related to our site and the way we do things. With your feedback we can resolve issues quickly and minimise the disruption.

Mon 16th–Sat 22nd April

Planned works include:

COWIE STREET

- Filling with rock material;
- Placing bluestone kerbs;
- Placing driveways;
- Connecting to existing stormwater lines.

SARAWIA STREET & LAXON TERRACE

- Filling rock to form road base;
- Laying subbase drains;
- Laying electrical ducting.



Replacement vehicle crossing at 6 Cowie Street



Bluestone kerbing in Cowie Street