

Week of 25th June 2018

It has been a bit of a stop/start week onsite, with a number of false starts around the asphaltting of Laxon Terrace.

Laxon Terrace

As some of you will be aware, our plan to asphalt Laxon Terrace today was scuppered by the private owners of the link from Laxon Terrace to Furneaux Way. They were concerned about damage from vehicles using it in the two-three hours it would have been open. As it turned out, this was the least of our worries as the weather put paid to any such plans.

More importantly, the agreed scope to just resurface the section between Youngs Lane and 3 Laxon Terrace has had to be amended. When we stripped off the old asphalt we found areas where it had been laid directly onto the clay subgrade. Taken together with the difficulties of building pavement in this particular area, we took the pragmatic approach of re-building the entire pavement in this area. These works are continuing this week.

We also took the decision on Friday afternoon to install the bitumen membrane along the new section of Laxon Terrace, in an attempt to protect the basecourse from the heavy rain forecast for this week. As a result, we have

mitigated the risk of it getting wetter, but we have to now wait for the moisture below the membrane to drain away before we can lay the asphalt pavement. With the forecast looking better towards the end of the week, we are targeting this to be laid on Thursday or Friday (28 or 29th).

Progress made

On a more positive and productive note, we have made some really great progress in other areas of the project. The

Mana Whenua fencing is largely complete. You can get a close look at it from the pathway down to Newmarket Park. It is always interesting to see how project features like this translate from the design drawings into real life. In this case, we think it has turned out really well.

We have almost finished the pedestrian boardwalk around the back of the poplar tree on Cowie Street. With just deck boards to be screwed down, this is almost ready for the planting to start.



Mana Whenua fencing alongside footpath. Undercoating (white) being applied to wooden fence alongside rail tracks on right

KiwiRail access

The KiwiRail Access Road is largely complete, with just a few fine days so we can chip seal the surface. This should also be done this week if we get the fine weather forecast for the end of the week.

Graffiti

There are two strategies for dealing with graffiti for the project:

- (1) a sacrificial coating applied to the concrete work, like the bridge abutments. This can be removed by water-blasting, taking off the graffiti with it (it is then recoated);
- (2) two coats of black paint applied to the wooden fencing which, if/when there is graffiti, is simply painted over again with one or two coats of black paint, as required.

Planting

There is substantial planting to be done over the coming weeks, more details to follow.

Mon 25th–Sat 30th June

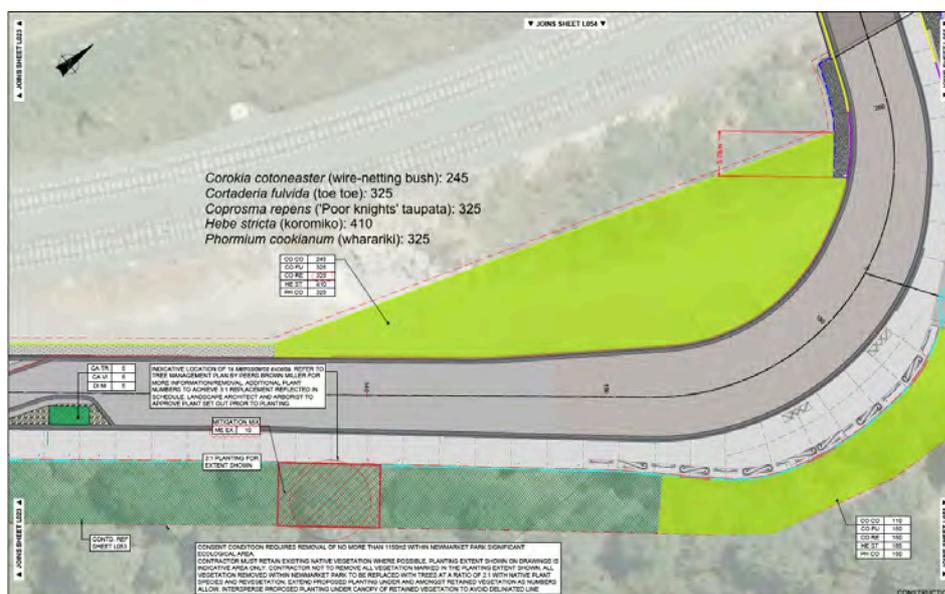
Planned works include:

COWIE STREET

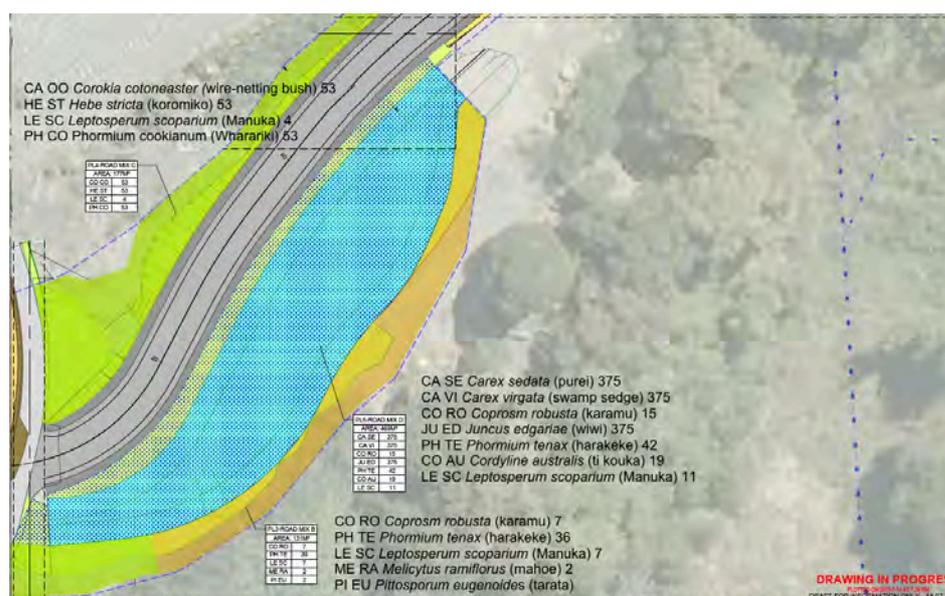
- General site access;
- Concrete trucks

SARAWIA STREET & LAXON TERRACE

- Aggregate trucks;
- Pavement trucks;
- Asphalt plant and machinery;
- Fencing deliveries.



Planting between the road and rail



Planting east of the bridge