



Taharoto-Wairau Road Upgrade

August 2013

Temporary road layout changes from 5 August



Pumping concrete for the new bridge deck

From the week of **5 August**, significant road layout changes will be made on the Wairau Creek Bridge on Wairau Road.

All vehicle and foot traffic will be diverted on to the newly-built section of bridge to allow for it to be 'stitched' into the existing southbound bridge. This will provide one solid modern structure that sits above the 100-year flood level.

A new three-metre wide footpath with safety barriers will also be built on the north-eastern side, outside Atlas Concrete.

The works are part of Auckland Transport's \$4.2 million upgrade of the Wairau Road/Forrest Hill Road and Nile Road/Forrest Hill Road intersections.

For your safety and that of our workers, please adhere to the temporary 30km/h speed limit through the construction zone. Be prepared for road layout changes as you approach the bridge and follow all directional signage.

The bridge works are expected to be completed by October.

Bus stop relocation: From 5 August, the bus stop in front of Kings Plant Barn will be closed temporarily due to construction works. Please use the bus stop outside 23 Forrest Hill Road during this time.



Above: Installing new stormwater and sanitary sewer manholes on the corner of Forrest Hill and Wairau Roads

Upcoming works

Over the next few months you will continue to see steady progress on site.

In addition to the bridge completion works, a number of other construction activities will be taking place simultaneously, including the installation of new power, phone, gas and water services on Forrest Hill Road.

As part of the widening of the bridge to allow for a new cycleway, the current water supply has to be temporarily diverted and existing services relocated to within the bridge structure itself. This means removing the exposed section of the water main that currently spans the Wairau Creek at the side of Wairau Road.

Notably, three service ducts crossing Forrest Hill Road will be thrust underground during August and September. There may be some short-term traffic delays as workers identify and mark out the existing water main route under Forrest Hill Road.

From September, road construction and kerb and footpath works will be taking place on Wairau Road, Forrest Hill Road and Nile Road. This will cause some inconvenience to nearby residents, especially during driveway reconstruction works, but our contractor Dempsey Wood Civil will be striving to maximise access as much as possible and to keep disruption to a minimum.

A new retaining wall and pedestrian safety fencing will also be constructed outside Kings Plant Barn.

The project is on track to be completed before the end of the year.



Above: An indicative view of the completed project

What does the upgrade involve?

The bridge replacement and intersection improvements are part of the seven-stage Taharoto-Wairau Road Upgrade, started in 2006 under the former North Shore City Council.

The upgrade is set to bring a large number of benefits for road users, including:

- Replacement of an outdated bridge that will also allow for increased road capacity and pedestrian safety
- Additional traffic lanes to help ease congestion
- On-road cycle lanes for commuters and confident cyclists

- Off-road cycle lanes around school areas to cater for younger and less experienced cyclists
- Larger and better quality footpaths
- Additional pedestrian islands to help people cross the road safely
- Undergrounding of overhead power and telecommunication lines to improve the look of the area
- Improved intersections due to the installation of traffic lights and additional marked lanes
- Resurfacing of the road for a smoother journey
- Landscaping

Works have been staged to keep disruption to a minimum.

To find out more about the project, visit www.aucklandtransport.govt.nz/wairau

Keeping you informed

Auckland Transport and its contractor Dempsey Wood Civil are committed to keeping the community informed about the upgrade. We'll continue to communicate with you in a variety of ways throughout the project:

In person:

Anyone directly impacted by upcoming works will be contacted personally as far in advance as possible so alternative plans can be made if necessary.

Online:

Project information, updates and recommended detour routes can be found on Auckland Transport's website www.aucklandtransport.govt.nz/wairau

Project newsletter

Newsletters like these will keep you up to date with progress. A PDF version is also online at www.aucklandtransport.govt.nz/wairau

Advertising

When necessary, important works will be advertised in the local press and on radio. Listen to Timesaver Traffic for any major delays along the route.

Project signage

Electronic message boards or other signage will warn of any road layout changes or delays so you can change your travel plans if necessary.

Email updates

Dempsey Wood sends out regular emails on construction progress and upcoming works. If you would like to join the database for receiving these updates, please email your details to avi@dempseywood.co.nz



Removing the old road surface on Wairau Road



Laying new chipseal on the northbound approach to the bridge



Project liaison

Dempsey Wood's dedicated project liaison, Avi Estrin, is available to deal with any specific issues you may have regarding this phase of the Taharoto-Wairau Road Upgrade. You can contact Avi on 021 912 299 or at avi@dempseywood.co.nz