

# Keeping you informed

Auckland Transport is committed to keeping the community up to date on the Tiverton-Wolverton upgrade. We'll be communicating with you throughout the life of the project in a variety of ways:

## In person

Anyone who will be 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 answers to Frequently Asked Questions can be found on Auckland Transport's website [www.aucklandtransport.govt.nz](http://www.aucklandtransport.govt.nz) under Current Projects.

## Project newsletter

Regular project newsletters, such as this one, will be delivered to the Tiverton-Wolverton catchment area by Auckland Transport. Copies will also be available at the New Lynn Library, local schools and businesses, the Whau Local Board Office on Totara Ave, New Lynn, and in PDF form at [www.aucklandtransport.govt.nz](http://www.aucklandtransport.govt.nz).

## Advertising

When necessary, important works or project updates 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 also be used to warn of any delays so you can change your travel plans.



A view of the completed Wolverton Street, from near the St Georges Street intersection.

## Community information sessions

Project information sessions will be held at various times during the construction period to keep you up to date with progress and enable you to ask questions and discuss any concerns about planned works.

## E-mail updates

If you would like to receive regular email updates from Downer New Zealand on construction progress and upcoming works, please email your name to Downer New Zealand's stakeholder liaison at [jessica.sinclair@downer.co.nz](mailto:jessica.sinclair@downer.co.nz). Please note: Your details will only be kept for the purposes of communicating to you about the Tiverton-Wolverton upgrade.

## SMS

To sign up for free SMS alerts to your mobile phone, please text **TIV** to **244**. This service will be used to inform you of any unforeseen circumstances that may have affect your travel time along the Tiverton-Wolverton route.

**Note:** You will be charged a one-off fee of 20 cents to opt in to this service.

## Key contacts

For general project enquiries, please call the Auckland Transport call centre on 09 355 3553 or visit the Tiverton-Wolverton project page at [www.aucklandtransport.govt.nz](http://www.aucklandtransport.govt.nz) (under Current Projects)

Both Auckland Transport and Downer New Zealand have a dedicated project liaison to deal with any issues you may have regarding the project.

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For information and updates on the Tiverton-Wolverton upgrade, visit [www.aucklandtransport.govt.nz](http://www.aucklandtransport.govt.nz)



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# Tiverton-Wolverton road upgrade

## Tiverton-Wolverton upgrade starts this month

Auckland Transport is starting a major upgrade of Tiverton Road and Wolverton Street on 23 July.

The \$30 million project will provide an improved and safer experience for all users of this busy 2.2km stretch of arterial road between New Windsor and New Lynn.

The upgrade will effectively remove the two-lane bottleneck that currently exists between these areas and strengthen connections between New Lynn, Rosebank Road, Lansford Crescent and the SH20 extension at Mt Roskill.

The busy corridor currently carries an average of 31,400 vehicles a day and the upgrade will provide extra capacity for future increases, which could prove useful for traffic diverted away from construction of the SH20 Waterview connection.

Construction will be undertaken by contractor Downer New Zealand and is expected to take less than two years to complete.

Auckland Transport construction manager Arvind Sima says years of planning has gone into delivering the best possible upgrade within the confines of the Tiverton-Wolverton corridor.

"Tiverton Road and Wolverton Street is an arterial route that dates back to the 1920s. It presents us with a number of construction challenges, particularly in relation to the large number of old (and sometimes unmapped or incorrectly mapped) underground utility services and the constraints of a narrow corridor with service lanes built above and below road level," he says.

"The new four lane road will be constructed within the width of the existing road corridor and small slivers of land have been bought from a number of property owners to enable the footpath to be widened to a safer and more useful width.

"It also makes sense to upgrade local utility services and stormwater infrastructure at the same time to avoid having to dig up the road again at a later date."

Whau Local Board chairman Derek Battersby says his board fully endorses the project.

"We've been waiting many years for this upgrade so we're really pleased that work is about to begin," he says.

"While construction will bring some inevitable disruption and inconvenience in the short term, we urge people to bear with it because the project is set to deliver many long-term benefits for those living and working in the area.

The added benefit of improving traffic flow for commuters and freight-carriers also means the project will deliver real economic value for the Auckland region."



# What does the upgrade involve?

Upgrading Tiverton Road and Wolverton Street is a major project that is expected to take less than two years to complete.

This upgrade of this strategic route involves:

- Creating four lanes (two in each direction) from Clark Street East to the intersection of New Windsor Road and Maioro Street
- Installing traffic signals at five major intersections to improve traffic flow and provide safe pedestrian crossing points. The intersections include:
  - Taylor Street/Wolverton Street
  - St Georges Street/Wolverton Street
  - Blockhouse Bay Road/Tiverton Road/Wolverton Street
  - Whitney Street/Tiverton Road
  - Tiverton Road/New Windsor Road

- Improving pedestrian safety by upgrading the existing footpaths to 2.5 metres on the north-side and 1.8 metres on the south side and installing four new pedestrian islands and new pram crossings
- Undergrounding and renewing Vector power and Telecom services
- Upgrading stormwater catchpits and pipe infrastructure to reduce incidences of localised flooding and cater for the demands of future population growth
- Upgrading street lighting to the standard expected of a major arterial route
- Installing 10 new bus shelters along the route
- Landscaping works

A cycle route that allows cyclists to avoid the busy Tiverton-Wolverton corridor will be constructed separately to the main roading contract. It will be implemented along Miranda Street, Margate Road, Mulgan Street and New Windsor Road, linking with the New Lynn SH20 cycle route at Maioro Street, and is expected to be in place by the end of 2012.



*An artist's impression of the new intersection of Tiverton Road and New Windsor Road, looking west.*



*A view of the completed New Windsor Road from its intersection with Tiverton Road.*

# What can I expect?

A project of this size will bring some unavoidable disruption and inconvenience, but please be assured that every effort will be made to keep negative impacts to a minimum.

In the early stages of the project we will be undertaking enabling works, including tree removal, service trench excavation, the removal of overhead power and telephone lines and the installation of new services underground. This work will be followed by kerb realignment and the installation of new street lights. These activities may restrict on-street parking availability at times and many involve temporary bus stop relocations.

Removal of overhead power lines within Tiverton Road, Wolverton Street, New Windsor Road and some areas of Blockhouse Bay Road near the intersection will require temporary pedestrian diversions to minimise disruption.

Major road construction is expected to start in August and this will be notified in advance. Downer NZ will be endeavouring to keep one lane of traffic open in each direction throughout the construction period. The most disruptive road works are planned for the quieter Christmas period.

Please respect any traffic management measures implemented along the route and remember that although you may not see physical road works taking place, it may well be taking place in trenches out of sight - either in the road reserve or on private property. This work involves upgrading old infrastructure and reconnecting utility services to the upgraded networks.

We regret any inconvenience these major works may cause but urge you to show patience and cooperation when using the route.

## Tree removal and re-planting

As part of the initial works, 158 trees will be removed along the Tiverton-Wolverton route to enable footpath construction to progress.

Currently a number of large trees are encroaching on the road reserve, affecting the road surface and footpath safety, so these must be removed. One large pohutukawa at 261 Blockhouse Bay Road will be relocated to a planned new Tiverton Reserve (72-80 Tiverton Road).

A total of 124 new trees will be planted along the route – the lesser number being due to space constraints within the upgraded corridor. Four heritage trees on Wolverton Road will remain.



*A view of the completed Wolverton Street from the Blockhouse Bay Road intersection.*



## Public information session

Auckland Transport is hosting a public information day on Tuesday 17 July, from 3pm to 7pm.

The meeting will take place in the Liberty Church auditorium at 96 Lansford Crescent, Avondale.

Come along to learn more about the upgrade and its expected impacts. Members of the project team will be on hand to answer any questions you have.

Auckland Transport and Downer are also meeting separately with directly affected residents and business owners/tenants in June and July to enable them to meet the project team and discuss any particular concerns or special needs.