



## Bus stop relocations



For safety reasons, a number of bus stops need to be relocated during the construction period. These will be signposted.

From 5 December, the bus stop outside 4 Forrest Hill Road will be permanently relocated outside 22/24 Forrest Hill Road.

### Between 3 -28 January, 2013:

- The bus stop outside 21 Wairau Road will be temporarily relocated next to the motorway overpass (outside 41 Wairau Road).
- The bus stop opposite 27 Wairau Road will be temporarily relocated to the existing bus stop outside Westlake Girls High School (opposite Atlas Concrete). From 29 January (when school comes back) this bus stop will be back in its original position opposite 27 Wairau Road.

The bus stop outside Kings Plant Barn on Forrest Hill Road needs to be temporarily closed at some stage in the future to allow construction works to take place. This will be notified in advance closer to the time but it is likely to happen around May 2013. When this bus stop is closed, bus passengers will have to use the bus stop outside 23 Forrest Hill Road.



## Keeping you informed

Auckland Transport and Dempsey Wood 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 and updates can be found on Auckland Transport's website [www.aucklandtransport.govt.nz/wairau](http://www.aucklandtransport.govt.nz/wairau).

### Project newsletter

Regular project newsletters will keep you up to date with progress. Extra copies will be made available to Westlake Girls High School and local businesses and a PDF

version will be available online at [www.aucklandtransport.govt.nz](http://www.aucklandtransport.govt.nz)

### Advertising

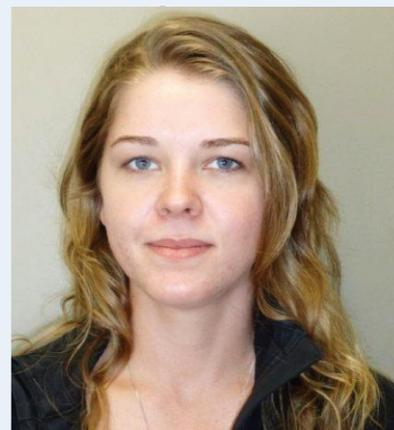
When necessary, important works or updates will be advertised in the local press and on radio. Listen to Timesaver Traffic for any major delays along the route.

### Project signage

Electronic message boards or other signage will also be used to warn of any delays so you can change your travel plans if necessary.

### E-mail updates

Dempsey Wood sends out weekly emails on construction progress and upcoming works. If you would like to join the database to receive these updates, please email your details to [melissa@dempseywood.co.nz](mailto:melissa@dempseywood.co.nz).



Melissa Workman - Project Liaison

Dempsey Wood's dedicated project liaison, Melissa Workman, is available to deal with any specific issues you may have regarding this phase of the Taharoto-Wairau upgrade. You can contact Melissa on 021 912299 or at [melissa@dempseywood.co.nz](mailto:melissa@dempseywood.co.nz)



# Taharoto-Wairau Road Upgrade

December 2012

## Major roadworks begin this month



Auckland Transport is starting the next phase of the Taharoto-Wairau Road Upgrade on 3 December.

Above: An indicative view of the completed project

The \$4.2 million construction works include a major upgrade of the Wairau Road/Forrest Hill Road and Nile Road/Forrest Hill Road intersections and the replacement of the old Wairau Creek Bridge.

Construction will be undertaken by contractor Dempsey Wood Civil Ltd and will be completed in late 2013.

The intersection improvements and bridge replacement are part of the seven-stage Taharoto-Wairau Road Upgrade started in 2006 under the former North Shore City Council. Four stages have already been completed, including a section of Wairau

Road outside Westlake Girls High School, the Wairau Road/Shakespeare Road/Taharoto Road intersection, a section of Taharoto Road between Shakespeare Road and Northcote Road, and improvements to Shakespeare Road and the North Shore Hospital entrance.

The upcoming improvements to the Wairau/Forrest Hill and Forrest Hill/Nile intersections will see the completion of a further two stages. The final stage proposes to widen Wairau Road between the Wairau/Forrest Hill intersection and Shakespeare Road.



## What does the upgrade involve?

The project will provide significant improvements to two intersections-Wairau Road/Forrest Hill Road and Nile Road/Forrest Hill Road.

The upgrade also includes the replacement of the old northbound Wairau Creek Bridge, built in 1939. The road surface on the new bridge will be built to the same level as the other existing Wairau Road traffic lanes.

The upgrade is set to bring a large number of other benefits for all road users. These include:

- Replacement of an outdated bridge that will also allow for increased road capacity
- 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
- Landscaping and 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

## What can I expect?



Before



After

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

Left: The existing intersection

Above: An indicative view of the upgraded intersections.

The majority of works will take place between 7am and 6pm, Monday to Friday, and 8am to 4pm on Saturdays. There will be no construction work on Sundays. The occasional night works may be required but these will be notified in advance and will generally be completed by midnight.

Construction will continue throughout December and January to take advantage of the lower traffic volumes over the school holiday period.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation during this essential upgrade



## Summary of works to be undertaken over the holiday season:

### December

- Tree clearing
- Removal of existing traffic islands
- Construction of new bridge retaining walls
- Large piling rig established on site

### January

- Drilling of large diameter holes for new bridge supports
- Demolition of a portion of the old bridge
- Construction of the new bridge will start
- Road widening and installation of underground services on the northern corner of Wairau Road and Forrest Hill Road

## Traffic impacts

All existing traffic lanes will be available until Thursday 2 January 2013. However, between 3 – 28 January, Wairau Road will be reduced to one lane in each direction to allow for the establishment of a large piling rig on site.

The rig will be drilling holes for the new Wairau Creek bridge supports. The bridge will be demolished and rebuilt in sections to avoid the need for a complete road closure.

**Additional traffic lanes will be available from 29 January to coincide with the start of the school term.**

**Expect some delay to your journey time during the construction period and use alternative routes if at all possible.** Listen to Timesaver Traffic on your radio to find out about any major delays.

To help reduce congestion during the construction period, use alternative routes or consider carpooling, walking, cycling or taking public transport, if it is an option for you.

For safety reasons,



please respect the traffic management measures put in place – particularly the 30km/h speed limit imposed along the route during the construction period.

## Pedestrian impacts

Access on the southern side of Wairau Road, across the existing narrow footbridge, will be unavailable from 10 December to 28 January. When schools re-open for Term 1, pedestrians will have a temporary path along the southern side of the new bridge.

During the first school term, the existing signalised crossing across Wairau Road (near its intersection with Forrest Hill Road) will be removed for safety reasons. Please use the nearby pedestrian crossings at the Porana Road intersection or outside Westlake Girls High School. The signalised crossing at the bottom of Forrest Hill Road will still be available.

From 29 January, the footpath on the northern side of Wairau Road (in front of properties 21, 27, 31, 33, 35 and 45) will be temporarily closed to pedestrians. If you need to cross Wairau Road north of the intersection, please do so at the Porana Road intersection.



The piling rig that will be used to dig holes for the new Wairau Creek bridge supports.