



# Maunu Road Intersection Improvements

PROJECT UPDATE

February 2014

## WELCOME BACK

The team are all back on the job after a well-earned rest over the Christmas break. The work on site is progressing well – even the weather is playing its part. As more of the bigger works get underway this means that the number of construction crew is also growing so we ask that drivers be more vigilant and keep a lookout for

workers and pedestrians as they move through the work area.

Everyone is heading back to work and school which means more traffic than we've seen over the holiday period. To make sure you get to where you're going, safely and on time please plan ahead and allow some extra time.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

As everyone heads back to work and school returns, there may be some delays so please allow extra time to make sure you and your family get to your destination on time, and most importantly – safely.

Welcome to 2014 and please keep safe.

## WHAT'S HAPPENED SO FAR?

Now that the main underground services have been relocated the team are able to start construct the remaining new footpaths and property alterations.

A large storm water pond is currently being constructed on the corner of SH14/SH1 near the site office. This pond will collect and treat a large proportion of the storm water runoff from the new road before being discharged into the Kirikiri stream.

One of the main water supply pipes feeding Whangarei city had an upgrade earlier this year with a new water distribution chamber being constructed on SH14, behind the new footpath. The work has now been completed making way for the new pavement widening which is currently under construction.

There is a major power changeover happening at the moment – we are

relocating overhead to underground, meaning that all the power poles will be removed opening up the skyline.

Also, last weekend we had some lane closures to undertake necessary work to replace the last of three large and heavy manhole covers which provide access for telecommunication services running under the intersection.



New water chamber being constructed on SH14, behind the new footpath



Laying new underground services

## WHAT ARE WE DOING TO THE INTERSECTION?

The safety of those on the road is paramount for the Transport Agency and our improvements at the intersection include upgrading the walking and cycling facilities with new pedestrian islands, along with improved overhead lighting and new traffic lights with smarter technology to react to traffic queues.

The Transport Agency is also widening the intersection to provide a new lane in each direction meaning increased capacity and less likelihood of traffic queuing further back along the state highways.

## AT THE END OF THE DAY

Soon you will see the existing kerbs starting to be removed in preparation for the new road pavement to be constructed.

Coming up in early March work will be carried out in preparation for the larger road construction machinery to arrive which will carry out the main pavement reconstruction and widening. The work will be carried out over several nights between Monday 10 March and Tuesday 25 March.

Following that, there will be a temporary seal applied during the day the weekend of 29 March. We ask that the patience

you have shown throughout this project carry on until the end of the project.

The final road surface will be applied between Monday 28 April and Sunday 3 May, and will be carried out at night providing a smoother road surface on State Highway 1.

Final works will happen in May when the team put on the finishing touches to complete the project, including the new central islands, so please be careful while you get used to the new layout and the workers on site.

## QUICK FACTS

- Widening of the intersection for consistent journey times
- Improved pedestrian crossing and cycle facilities through the intersection
- New signalised intersections at the intersection give safer crossing opportunities for pedestrians.
- An extra lane in each direction
- A free left hand turn will be provided on each approach
- Solid raised median barriers will be installed on each approach
- Residents in North Street will be limited to left turn only access to and from Maunu Road
- Fulton Hogan is delivering the intersection improvements on behalf of the Transport Agency as part of the wider Whangarei Improvements project
- Completion date May 2014.

## COMING TO AN END

Last August the team changed the layout at the intersection to help get as many drivers, walkers and cyclists through the intersection and still allow work to be carried out. These changes have changed the route they take to get to

their destination, however the end is near. The project is due to be completed in early May, leaving behind a much wider intersection and more lanes to help with congestion and safety.



### CONTACT US:

If you have got any concerns, compliments or would like to talk with our friendly project team, you can contact us on **0800 PROGRESS (0800 776-4737)**

Information on the Whangarei Improvements can be found on the NZ Transport Agency website: [www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/whangarei/](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/whangarei/)