

Christchurch Motorways

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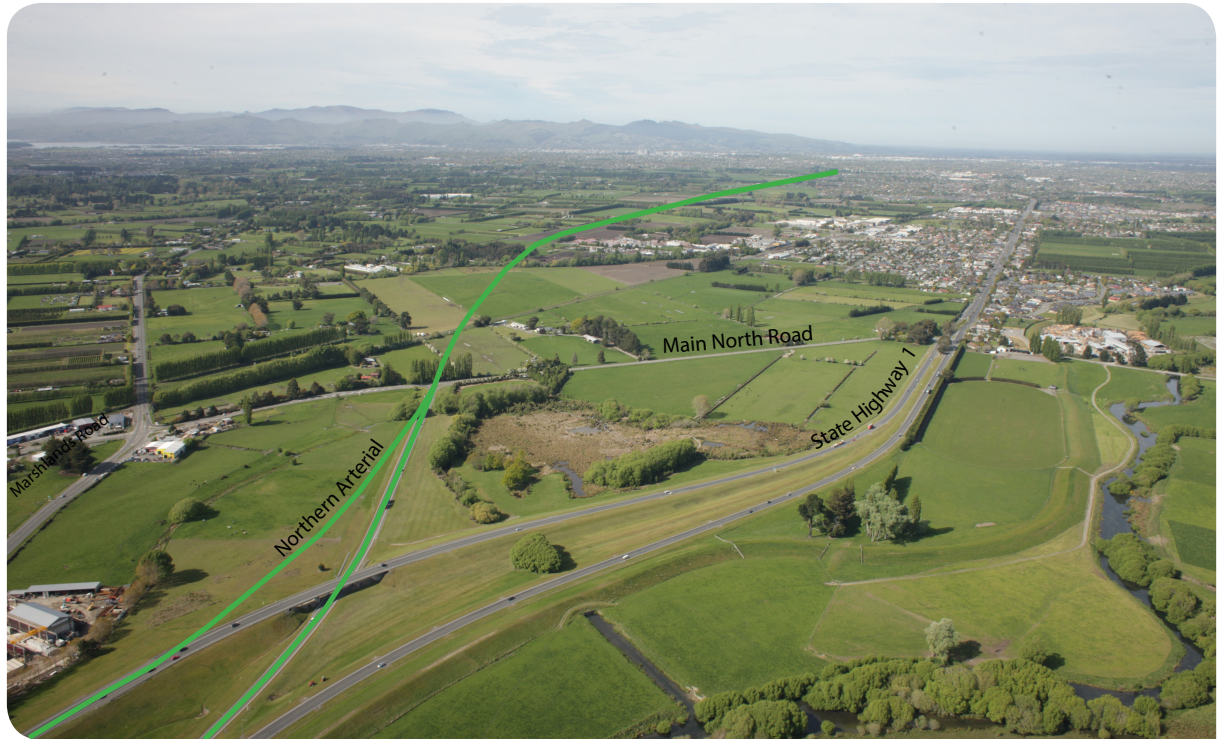
Northern Arterial and Queen Elizabeth II Drive four-laning

PROJECT UPDATE

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We are sending this brief project update because we have started work on the next stage of this project (detailed design and consenting) and there are some new contact people to introduce.



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What is the Northern Arterial?

A new section of highway connecting QEII Drive with the existing Northern Motorway north of Belfast.

This project also includes the addition of a third northbound lane on the Waimakariri Motorway Bridge through to Tram Road, the four-laning of QEII Drive from Main North Road to Innes Road and an off-road pedestrian and cycle link between QEII Drive and Belfast Road.

This project is part of the Government's "Roads of National Significance" programme and will:

- Support the urban growth plans for northern Christchurch detailed in the Urban Development Strategy and the Belfast Area Plan
- Provide safer, more liveable streets by moving heavy and commuter traffic off suburban roads – particularly in Redwood and Belfast
- Make travel times shorter and more reliable in and out of Christchurch
- Improve access to the central city and to Lyttelton Port
- Support economic growth by moving people and goods more quickly and efficiently

This arterial has been part of the City Plan for over 35 years but the highway designation footprint needs updating to allow for a modern, safe highway to be built.

This means we need to alter the designation in the City Plan by lodging a Notice of Requirement (NOR). The NOR will be publicly notified and you will be welcome to make a submission on the project.

What's next?

Over the next few months we will be:

- Designing the project in more detail
- Doing site geotechnical and environmental investigations
- Working with the Christchurch City Council to make sure the plans for this project and the Council's Northern Arterial Extension and Cranford Street Upgrade projects fit well together

Currently we have construction scheduled to begin after 2015.

What are the Northern Arterial Extension and Cranford Street Upgrade projects?

- Associated Christchurch City Council (CCC) projects to connect the Northern Arterial through to Cranford Street
- The CCC are running a consultation process on these projects starting in June 2013
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