

# 1 UPGRADING MACKAYS CROSSING

Mackays Crossing on State Highway 1 in Kāpiti will be upgraded from 10 June for up to eight weeks. Before the next stage of the Transmission Gully project, we will be undertaking some major road maintenance on the crossing and will upgrade the barriers and drainage at the same time.

The upgrade will avoid the need for significant roadworks once the gully route is open. If it is not done now, the likelihood of ongoing repairs to the deteriorating surface is high.

## Managing traffic through the works period

To do the work safely and quickly, we will be using a traffic management layout known as a contraflow. This involves traffic travelling in both directions using one side of the road while the other side is being worked on.

Basically it will be a continuation of the one-lane-each-way system from Paekakariki to about 1km south of the Raumati on and off ramps. The median barriers at each end will be altered to accommodate this. In the first week from 10 June, there will be a lane closure only; then the contraflow will be in place in the following weeks.

The contraflow will operate temporarily 24/7 with a speed restriction of 80km/h. This will provide consistency for drivers and will be safer for site workers. A fulltime contraflow has not been used in the Wellington region before so road users will need to be cautious while they get used to it. Just remember there will always be one lane open in each direction during the works.

Cyclists will not use the contraflow. A temporary southbound cycle lane will lead cyclists to the off and on ramps to bypass the worksite. Northbound cyclists will use the ramps to get back onto the highway north.



## The works programme

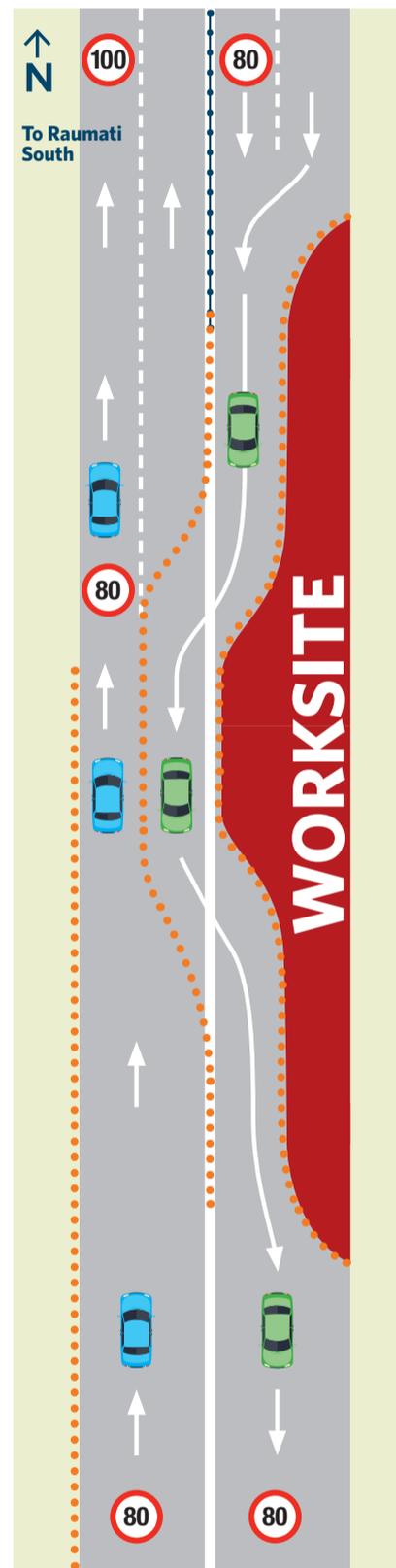
The full contraflow allows work to take place in two shifts round the clock and shortens the construction time. Work will not take place during peak commuter times or at weekends to reduce the visual distraction when large volumes of traffic are on the road.

**Thank you for your patience while this work is underway. Well-maintained roads are essential for the safety of all who use them.**

## Be prepared

- Southbound traffic will slow down to merge sooner than before.
- Southbound peak time queues could be longer.
- The contraflow will feel different, so remember the basics:
  - Maintain a consistent speed
  - Maintain a safe distance between vehicles.
- Wet winter weather could delay the roadworks for a longer period than scheduled.

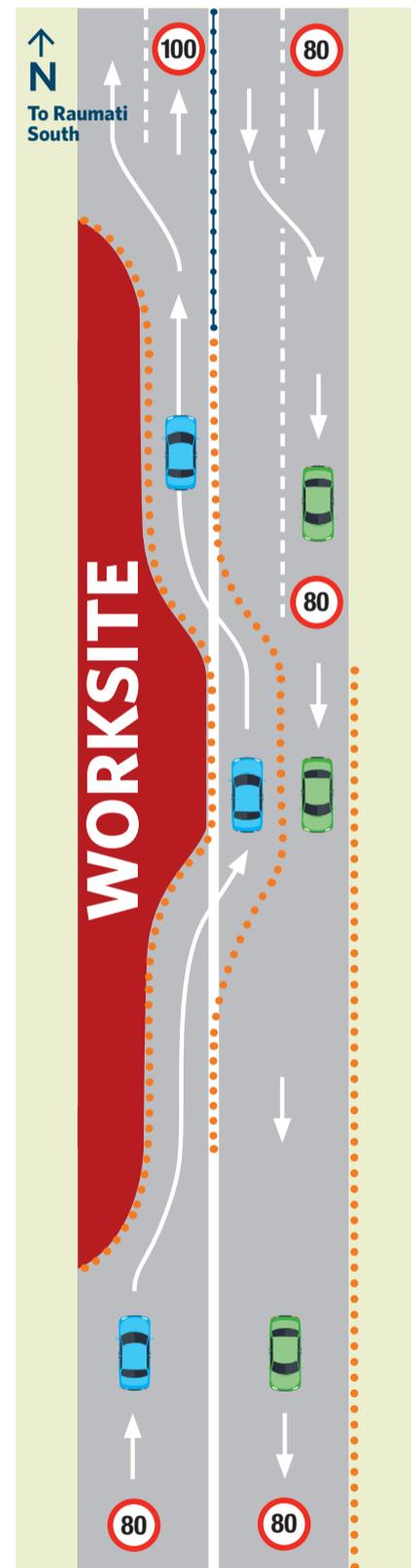
## Stage 1



When works are on the southbound side, traffic heading south will merge from two lanes to one before driving through the gap in the median barrier. It is not too different from how you merge after Mackays Crossing, just sooner.

## Stage 2

When works are on the northbound side, traffic heading north will drive through the gap to reach the full northbound Kāpiti Expressway.



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