



Welcome to the first edition of Causeway News for 2015.

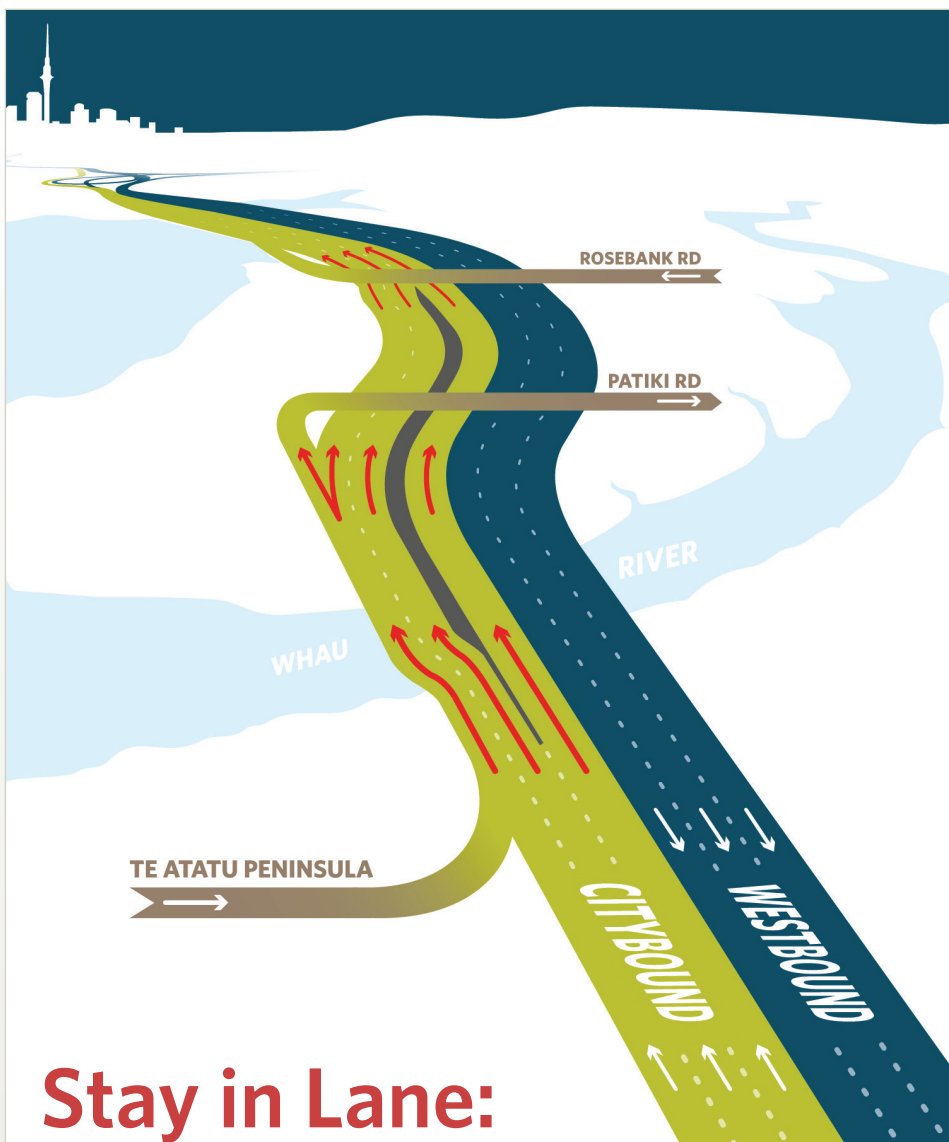
The Causeway Alliance is raising and widening 4.8km of Auckland's Northwestern motorway and cycleway, between Great North Road and the Whau River bridge near Te Atatu. As part of the Northwestern Upgrade, the works in progress on the causeway section are to prevent flooding and provide additional lanes for when the Waterview tunnels open in 2017.

Noise at night

While we continue to work during the day as much as possible, some work must happen at night when traffic volumes are lower and we can close the motorway with less disruption.

When we do need to work at night we will notify neighbours in advance and monitor noise levels to ensure we remain within our permitted limits. All construction vehicles are fitted with flashing beacons and alarms that are appropriate for night time works.

If you are disturbed by our night works please call the free phone number **0800 444 449** and mention Causeway.



Stay in Lane: changes ahead on SH16

From Monday 23 February the two left-hand lanes between Te Atatu and Rosebank Roads citybound will be moved to the new section of road built on the harbour or northern side. The third lane will stay where it is.

Some key points to remember for a safe journey;

- Choose your correct lane well in advance
- Avoid sudden lane changes - stay in your lane
- To exit at Patiki Road make sure you are in the left lane
- If travelling from Te Atatu Peninsula stay in the two left lanes

This is the first of many lane shifts which will take place over the next two years as traffic is moved to new sections in stages. The lanes shifts will allow our team to gain safe site access to continue to raise the motorway and add more lanes.

Cyclists on the boardwalk

Tuesday 20 January marked a milestone for the Northwestern cycleway. The Oakley Creek boardwalk was opened during an informal gathering of cyclists, local residents and construction workers.

After a blessing, some words of welcome by the Causeway Alliance construction manager Glenn Houppapa, and Cycle Action Auckland Chair Barbara Cuthbert, the boardwalk along Auckland's State Highway 16 was opened by Mara Putamainua, a long-standing member of the construction team.

More than 50 cyclists enjoyed being the first to ride along the boardwalk commenting on the smooth, wide path and great views.

The boardwalk's distinctive bright yellow railings ties in with the overall urban design plan for the Waterview Connection and Northwestern Upgrade projects, providing a splash of colour along the route.

Some stats about the Oakley Creek boardwalk:

- 290 meters in length
- 19 concrete piles (some drilled through basalt rock)
- 18 spans
- 5 months to construct
- 9 LED lights



Dust control

You may have noticed trucks driving along the construction areas spraying water. These water carts have an important job to dampen down dust coming from our site to prevent a possible hazard to passing motorists and cyclists. Due to the hot, dry summer weather we have several water carts all busy 'watering' different areas of the site.



Images from top to bottom:
The Causeway Alliance team and the Oakley Creek boardwalk
Mara Putamainua cutting the ribbon
Cyclists enjoying the newly opened boardwalk

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