Urban transport improvements

Aim
Improve journeys across and along Arthur St and Karo Drive.

Benefits
- An additional lane along Arthur Street and Karo Drive to match the three lanes that will come from the National War Memorial Park Underpass in late 2014
- Additional lanes to reduce congestion and improve travel times for buses
- A continuous cycle route on the southern side of Arthur St and Karo Drive
- Improved intersection capacity and signals operations to allow more frequent opportunities for pedestrians to cross
- Landscape improvements

Approach
Construction and adjustment of the kerb lines will be managed from the footpath side in order to minimise impact on traffic flows during the works.

Willis St/Karo Dr intersection improvements

Schedule of work
Start
October 2013
Finish
End of February 2014
Approach
Work will be in four phases:

Phase one – northeast and east side of the intersection
Realign the kerb on Willis St and Karo Drive to create space for two turning lanes from Karo Drive into Willis St. Pedestrians will need to detour around Victoria and Abel Smith Streets while the kerb is being realigned. Detour signs will show the way.

The area at the closed end of Abel Smith Street will be planted with kowhai trees.

Phase two – southeast side of the intersection
Realign the kerb on Willis Street to create space for two straight-ahead and two left-turning lanes.

Phase three – west side of Willis St, south of the intersection
Realign the kerbs on the west side of Willis Street to better allow the flow of traffic north into Willis St and also west into the Terrace Tunnel from both Karo Drive and Willis St south.

Phase four – west side of Willis St, north of the intersection
Realign the kerbs on the west side of Willis Street to better allow the flow of traffic north into Willis St.

Please note:
Our rate of progress will depend to some extent on what we find when we dig to access the underground services. If progress allows, we will bring forward the dates of the schedule of work.

For updates, please keep an eye on the signs around the intersections and on the websites:

www.nzta.govt.nz/memorial-park

Please see diagram overleaf.
EXISTING KERB
FOOTPATH

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EXISTING SHARED
PEDESTRIAN AND
CYCLE PATH

PHASE 1

PHASE 2

PHASE 3

PHASE 4

ABEL SMITH ST

WILLIS ST

PALMER ST

VICTORIA ST

CONSTRUCTION PERIOD FROM APRIL 2014

EXISTING LANDSCAPING TO BE
RE-DEVELOPED

REALIGNED
FOOTPATH

Pedestrian detour