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Johns Road Upgrade: The Groynes to Sawyers Arms Road

part of the Western Corridor



Progress Bulletin 2 – July 2015

Welcome to our second bulletin – packed with news, updates and our plans for the next few months. We issue these bulletins every three months or prior to a major change.

Site Clearance

We have completed site clearance all the way from The Groynes to Sawyers Arms roundabout. It is now much easier to see where the new north & southbound lanes will sit. We are now installing permanent or temporary property fencing where possible. However, in some cases we'll need to create earth bunds or complete further earthworks before we can install fencing. We appreciate your patience if yours is one of these affected properties.

So far we have laid
7400 metres of
underground power
and telephone cables

The Groynes to Clearwater Avenue

We have completed earthworks in this area and a temporary road which allows Clearwater Avenue traffic access onto Johns Road (just north of the existing Clearwater Avenue intersection). We can now build half of the new Clearwater roundabout with minimal disruption to traffic and with our team safely out of live traffic lanes.

We've installed all of the underground stormwater drains in this area, poured the new centre median island north of Clearwater and we are now installing new LED street lights.



New Concrete Median Island – North of Clearwater Avenue

We expect to move traffic on to the new northbound lanes, so we can start work on the southbound lanes, around Christmas time this year.

If you have any questions or feedback about this project please contact:
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If your issue is urgent, contact Downer's Christchurch Branch 24 hours a day on 03 359 0700

Clearwater Avenue to Sawyers Arms Road



This portion is a hive of activity at the moment. The road alignment on the northbound side has been cleared and made ready for the new road layers we will start adding soon. A new 250mm watermain has been installed from Clearwater Avenue to Gardiners Road replacing the existing one that would have been under the new northbound lanes.

Concrete Stormwater pipes and sumps, infiltration trenches and subsoil drains have been constructed. These will capture the stormwater runoff from the new road and filter it before it soaks down through to the gravel layers beneath the surface. This process ensures that the water returning to the earth is uncontaminated.

Installing Subsoil Drains 390 Johns Road

New Greywacke Link Road (Johns Road to Logistics Drive)

Since the last bulletin we've laid all the new underground power and telephone cables, stormwater drains are in and we've built a stormwater pond.

We have installed a new watermain and are about to install a new sewer line along the Greywacke link road. Once this is completed the above ground work will begin starting with the road pavement layers.



New Greywacke Link Road behind North – South Holiday Park

Traffic Management

Traffic management is one of the most important parts of our job on site as it is imperative to maintain the safety of our team, residents and road users. Managing expectations can be a juggling act sometimes: if we do too much we could overly inconvenience people but if we do too little we put people's lives in danger.

Final decisions on the best traffic management solution don't rest with us. When we develop a traffic management plan it is submitted to the Christchurch Transport Operations Centre for approval. It is then reviewed to ensure it is compliant, reasonable and doesn't conflict with any other roadworks in the area. Only once the plan is approved can it be used onsite.

We would like to thank everyone affected by this work so far, we realise that major roadworks can be very disruptive at times and we really value your patience and cooperation!

What's next?

Over the next three months we will be concentrating our efforts on building the new northbound lanes from the northern end of the site to just south of Gardiners Road. We will start work on the southern tie in at the Sawyers Arms roundabout. Finally, we'll continue to work on the Greywacke link road, which we intend to open in early 2016.

Regards,
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