

3 Vickers to City Upgrade



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Welcome to the latest update on the Vickers to City Upgrade. The end of winter is in sight and at the beginning of next week we will have officially moved into spring! We're sure you'll join us in wishing for sunshine and blue skies so the weather doesn't hold us back and we can move closer to finishing the project.

We're always keen to hear from you so if there's anything you'd like to know please get in touch, our contact details are below.

What's been happening?

We're continuing to deal with the spaghetti-like services under the road at the SH3/Mangorei Road intersection and are also relocating large water mains there. To find a spot for the new water main we need to do a bit of digging. This is taking slightly longer than planned, however, the team is working every night to get it done as soon as possible. We appreciate the patience of everyone living nearby and we'd like to say thank you for your understanding.

Power and communications cables have been installed across the new Waiwhakaiho Bridge and concrete roadside barriers have been erected. Now we're installing the storm water pipes and water mains on each end of the bridge and getting ready to pave the road.

The new Te Henui Bridge is also nearly complete. The new pipes that host the service cables (called service ducts) are connected from Mangorei Road, across the bridge to Watson Street, and are ready for the service cables to be pulled through. Once the new cables are installed we'll be able to remove the old ones, finish work on the footpath and bridge barriers, and start paving the road on each end of the bridge.



The new water main being installed on the new Waiwhakaiho Bridge.



Some of the existing services near Mangorei Road intersection.



Concrete safety barriers being installed on the new Waiwhakaiho Bridge.



Service ducts being installed under the footpath on the new Te Henui Bridge.

You may have noticed some work happening under the Paynters Avenue over-bridge. We're cutting back the wall to make more room for the road. To hold up this new concrete wall we're installing anchors into the ground behind it. These are a bit like the 'butterfly anchors' you might use at home to hold up picture frames on gib walls - only much stronger!

With better weather not far off, we've started pavement work on the seaward side of SH3 between Paynters Avenue and Devon Street East.

What's coming up?

With steady progress being made through the winter months on the underground services, we're now gearing up to pave the road and will continue with landscaping, so you'll begin to see more noticeable progress.

We'll be finishing the landscaping on and around the Waiwhakaiho walkway. To do this, we need to close the walkway under the bridge between Rimu Street and Devon Street East from **Monday 31 August to Monday 21 September**. During this time you can reach Devon Street East by taking Rimu Street and Paynters Avenue.

The footpaths on SH3 and Queens Road between Bridle Street and Waiwhakaiho Bridge will also remain closed during this time. Instead, you can walk along the footpath on the other side of SH3 if you cross over at Smart Road.

If you have young children that walk to school, please discuss with them the safest route if their normal way has been affected by the work.

Questions you have been asking us

Q: Who do I contact if I want to report issues with the road?

A: We're responsible for fixing issues on SH3 in the project area, between Bridle Street and Hobson Street. You can contact us by calling 0508 V2C INFO (0508 822 4636) or emailing vickerstocity@nzta.govt.nz

Outside of the project area, you can report issues on the State Highways to the NZ Transport Agency by phoning 0800 MY ROADS (0800 697 6237) or issues on local roads to the New Plymouth District Council on 759 6060.

Q: When will pedestrians be able to cross the Waiwhakaiho Bridge?

A: We're hoping to have the bridge opened for vehicles in November. We know how much use the footpath normally gets so we're trying to get the footpath opened before then.

If you have any questions or would like more information on the Vickers to City project please call 0508 V2C INFO (0508 822 4636), send us an email or visit the website.