

3 Vickers to City Upgrade



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Welcome to the latest update on the Vickers to City Upgrade. With Christmas holidays getting closer by the minute, we're trying to get as much work done as possible to minimise delays to your holiday journeys. The improving weather has really helped us keep the work on track and we're hoping that it continues so we can move closer to finishing the project and you can enjoy the sunshine over the holidays.

What's been happening?

We were very excited to open the first lane of the new Waiwhakaiho Bridge recently. This is a key milestone for the project and we're looking forward to when we can open up the entire bridge to traffic. We hope you're enjoying it too!



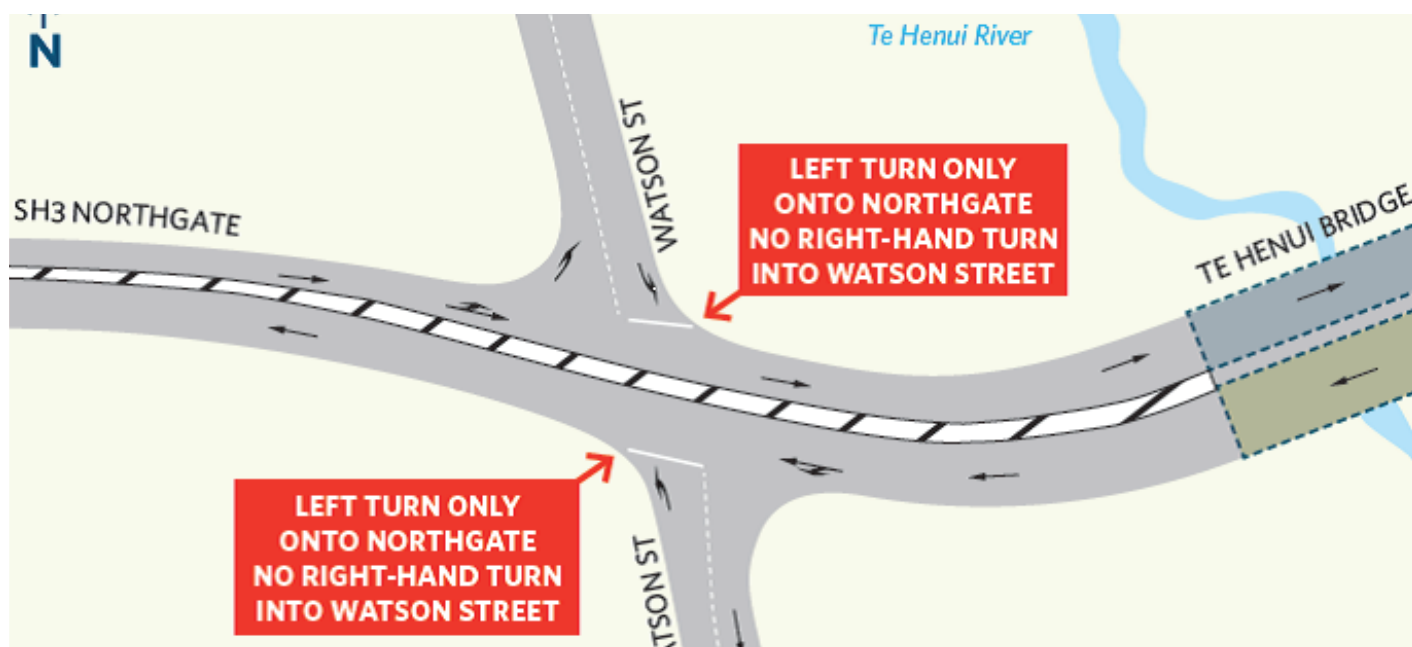
Vehicles driving over the new Waiwhakaiho Bridge

You'll have also seen that we've started to build the road from the new Te Henui Bridge up to Watson Street. Thank you for your patience with the Watson Street road closure between Northgate Road and Lemon Street while we do this work. We've found some old sewer and water mains here that have slowed progress a bit, but we're still trying to get the road opened as soon as possible.

What's coming up?

Watson Street intersection

In 2013 we asked you about the SH3/Watson Street intersection layout. You told us that you wanted a left turn in and left turn out change to this intersection. We are pleased to let you know from Monday, 30 November 2015, Watson Street (both north and south) will become left turn in and left turn out only. It will take some time for people get used to these changes, so please take care when using this intersection.



The new road layout for the Watson Street intersection

Watson Street to Hobson Street

We're about to start installing the new street light poles on the city-bound side of SH3 between Watson and Hobson Streets. For your safety please remember to follow the signs and use the temporary footpath if you are walking in the area.

Te Henui Bridge

Work is progressing on the approaches to the new bridge. Pedestrians are now using the new footpath while we dig up the old one. We are working towards opening one southbound lane on the new Te Henui Bridge just before Christmas or early in the New Year. Once this lane is open, if you are driving into town you will still need to merge after the Mangorei traffic signals but you'll be merging to the left. As soon as we have a confirmed date for this lane to be opened we'll update the electronic message boards - please keep an eye out for this.

Work on the middle lanes between Mangorei Road and Devon Street East

To keep disruptions to a minimum we have been trying to do most of the work on either side of SH3. However, we're nearing the point where we need to work on the lanes in the middle of the road. To do this we'll be moving the northbound traffic onto the new road lanes between Mangorei intersection and Devon Street East.

We'll also make some temporary changes to the road layout, so at the Mangorei intersection there will only be one straight through lane for traffic heading north - the left and right lanes will become turn only lanes. In addition, the city-bound right turn lane from Northgate onto Mangorei Road will be closed. An alternative route will be available via Watson Street for light vehicles or via Elliot Street for all vehicles including heavy trucks.

We expect that we'll have to make these changes in late December/early January 2016. We would like to thank you in advance for your patience as these changes are made.

Devon Street East

Over the next month we'll be making some changes to the alignment of the city bound right hand turn into Devon Street East. We'll be moving the turning lane onto the new Waiwhakaiho Bridge. Again keep an eye on the electronic boards for the dates of these changes.

Questions you have been asking us

When is the project expected to be completed?

We know many of you want to know when the work will be finished and you can start enjoying the benefits of the completed work! A few more months to go, but we expect the entire project to be completed by the end of May 2016.

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.