

Mingha Bluff to Rough Creek Realignment

PROJECT UPDATE

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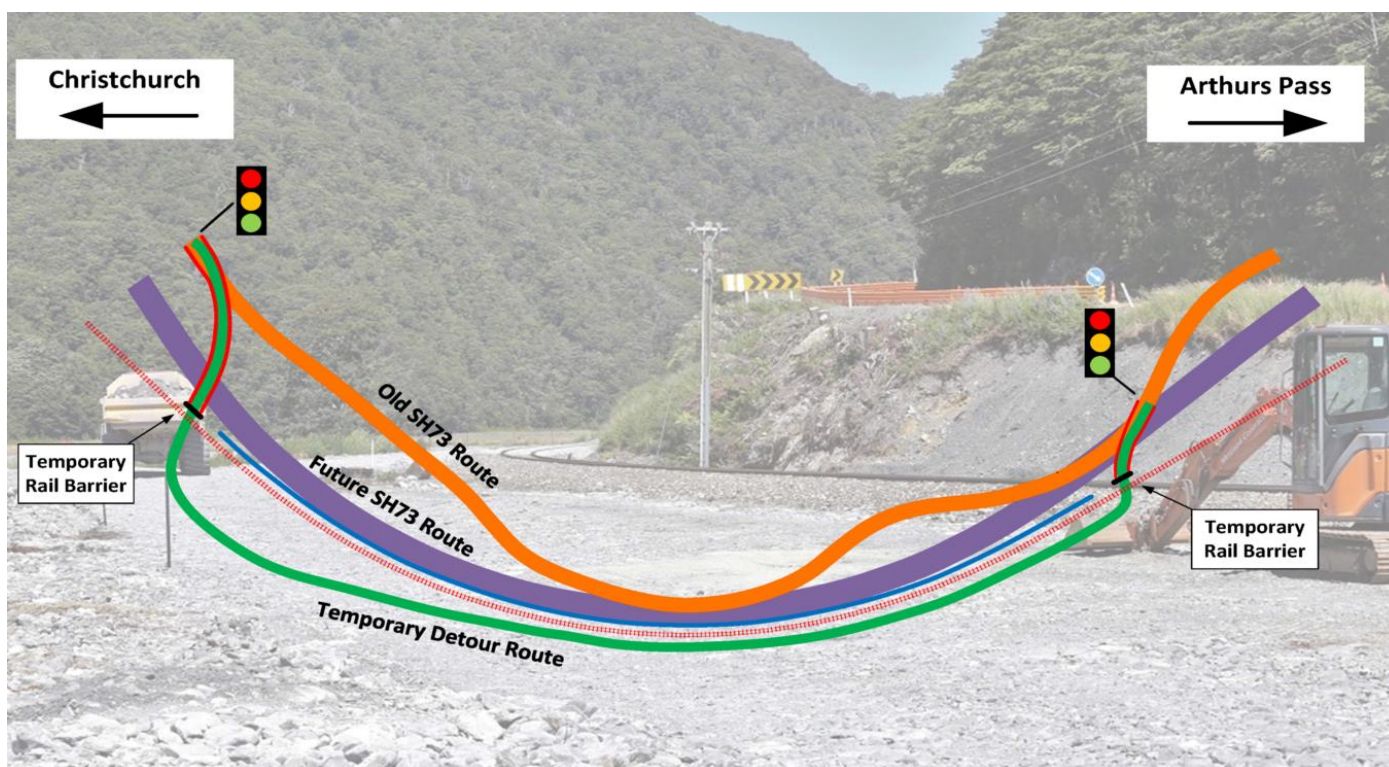
DETOUR IN PLACE AGAIN 26 APRIL FOR 2-3 WEEKS - DELAYS POSSIBLE

We will have the detour in place again on SH73 from 26 April 2016 for 2-3 weeks depending on the weather. The detour is located at Mingha Bluff and will take the road over the railway line for about 500m. The detour will be one lane with temporary traffic lights managing traffic. When a train is using the track, gates and other safety measures will be used to ensure no one is using the detour. This detour may cause delays of up to 10mins when a train is passing through, delays will be short at other times.

The detour will allow our crew to safely complete section of the retaining wall.



DETOUR PLAN





Work on Mingha Bluff when the last detour was in place. Photo taken by Stu Drake Garden City Helicopters

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Mingha Bluff to Rough Creek Realignment is a 5km stretch of narrow and windy road located just east of Arthur's Pass Township on State Highway 73.

The first sod was turned on this \$22 million project in May 2015 and it is expected to take around two years to complete.

This project will deliver the most significant safety improvements on SH73 between Christchurch and Greymouth in more than a decade. The new road will be a safer and more forgiving route, with many tight curves removed, dips and hollows smoothed and a wider 9m carriageway.

The improvements will be sympathetic to the National Park's natural, historic and scenic character, and offer greater opportunities for visitors to enjoy the breath taking scenery.

Ecological effects are being minimised through landscaping, storm water treatment and careful project construction.

We are working closely with the Department of Conservation to ensure the design includes a range of measures to minimise environmental impacts on Arthur's Pass National Park.

We are looking after native fish on site and we have experts checking for native wildlife before we start work in any new areas.

We are also working with Ngai Tahu to ensure the project is mindful of the iwi's traditional association with the area and ongoing relationships with the natural environment.

SH73 is a crucial link connecting Christchurch and the West Coast, and this work will significantly improve the safety of that link.

This is one of five critically important highway projects included in the government's accelerated regional highways package announced last June 2015.



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