



Dunedin to Port Chalmers safety improvements

Project update



Safer journeys are on the way for people travelling between Dunedin and Port Chalmers, with a dedicated off-highway shared path for people walking and riding bikes alongside SH88 between St Leonards and Port Chalmers. The shared path is expected to open in the next 6-9 months, alongside work on intersection upgrades and improved road markings on SH88.

Rail reclamation and realignment work to accommodate the new St Leonards to Port Chalmers section of the shared path is nearly finished. At both Sawyers Bay and Mussel Bay, work is well advanced on a new railway alignment needed to create enough space for the new shared path. This has already been done around Mussel Bay near Port Chalmers.

A unique and eye-catching project feature is a 600m long boardwalk at Blanket Bay that'll carry the first section of the new shared path across the Bay. The remainder of the path through this area travels on a harbour reclamation. A big push is underway to finish work between Blanket Bay and Sawyers Bay, including bringing in more staff and equipment to help ensure this modern and safe off-highway shared path, along with on-highway safety improvements, are finished early next year.

St Leonards

Crews worked at night and on weekends in April and May to successfully remove a rail bridge along the SH88 St Leonards straight, and finished preparations to move the last section of rail toward the harbour.

All the main trunk line between St Leonards and Curles Point has been realigned creating the space needed to start building the shared path through this area.

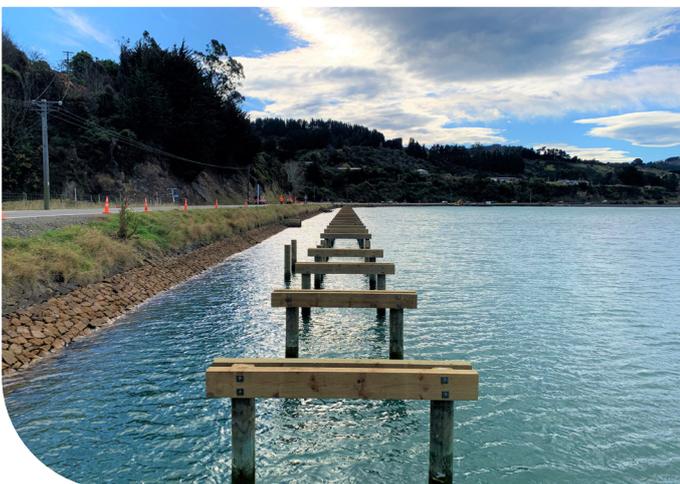
Work is underway on a 970 metre timber retaining wall that'll lift the path up to the same level as SH88, to make it easier and safer for people to move between the shared path and nearby St Leonards. Additional crew will be moved into this area to accelerate this work.



Blanket Bay

Great progress is being made on the stunning boardwalk, section of the shared path. Piling work is now complete clearing the way for installing the boardwalk modules.

Work crews have largely completed the path around the second half Blanket Bay that's built on reclaimed land and are preparing the path surface for a final coat of asphalt.



Blanket Bay to Sawyers Bay

Only a small amount of finishing work remains on the shared path between Blanket Bay and Sawyers Bay. Once temperatures are warm enough the path will be sealed with a final coat of asphalt. Sections like the one shown in this photo are already prepped for asphalt.



Port Chalmers

A recently completed 300m retaining wall (pictured) will support recycled material removed from the rail corridor realignment work. This was good for the environment with fewer loads of this material being trucked off to a landfill. The material will be built up from the retaining wall to support the shared path.

A specialist team will arrive soon to begin building two large timber retaining walls between Mussel Bay and Port Chalmers.



Did you know

- More than 200 lights to be installed along the new section of path
- About 6,000m of on highway safety barrier will be installed
- 4,500m of fencing is being built - most of it to separate the shared path from the rail corridor

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