

24 August 2020

Temporary SH1 intersection will move north

To advance other works along SH1, the temporary Bollard Road/SH1 intersection will be relocated 155m north of its current location. This will allow earthworks, service relocations and road construction to progress north from the Tamahere Interchange and past Bollard Road.

This change will take place in mid-September. A second letterbox flyer will be sent out to show you the intersection layout and the date for the changeover.



Right turn to the city will be removed



The right turn to SH1 will be removed, so all traffic turning onto SH1 will turn left. Those heading to the city will need to return via the Tamahere Interchange.

Removing the right hand merge area will provide more space to relocate traffic lanes in the future. It will also make the intersection safer. The project has received several complaints this year from residents about near misses where right-turning drivers heading to the city have failed to give way to drivers turning right into Bollard Road. At least one minor crash has occurred since June.

Roadworks will continue through to May 2021

Here's an overview of our current construction programme:

- Expressway construction from the Tamahere Interchange to Bollard Road will begin in October 2020.
- The current works on the old section of Cambridge Road north of Bollard Road (drainage, shared path construction and road reconstruction) will continue through to January 2021.
- Installation of bridge anchors for the East West Link Bridge has begun at the old Cherry Lane intersection. Once this is complete, we will begin building the raised roundabout and raising the connecting roads – from November 2020 through to early May 2021.



Our completion target has not changed

There's no doubt that the Covid-19 Level 4 lockdown and Level 3 restart seriously affected our construction programme. However, our staff are working hard to reprogramme our work and make up that lost time. As a result, our target of opening the project in **late 2021** has not changed.

Hit sticks are being replaced with double yellow 'no passing' lines

The 'hit sticks' that we've used along the SH1 centreline are being progressively removed and replaced with double yellow 'no passing' lanes. Over-width loads are constantly driving over the sticks at night – damaging or uprooting the hit sticks.

We appreciate your patience...

We've been working in your community for three years or more, and we appreciate the patience you've shown towards the project and our staff on the ground. The end of this project is now in sight, but there's still one more full summer construction season to get through.

You'll see lots of progress on your local roads and on the expressway lanes from now through to completion in late 2021.

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