



SOUTHERN INTERCHANGE UPDATE

19 October 2021

New link road will open on Tues 26 October

Permanent traffic access across the East West Link Bridge will open early – in stages.

Stage 1 access from Cherry Lane over SH1 to Birchwood Lane will open **overnight on Tuesday 26 October 2021** – the day after Labour Weekend.

When the new road opens, the temporary intersection with SH1 near Bollard Road will close permanently.

Our traffic management staff will prepare for the traffic switch during the day on Tuesday the 26th, then switch traffic overnight when traffic volumes are lighter. On Wednesday 27 October, you will travel to work or school over the East West Link Bridge.

These changes will affect residents in Cherry Lane, Seabrook Lane, the severed section of Cambridge Road, Bollard Road, Sanctuary Lane and Eventide retirement village.

Our recommended route to and from the city is shown below, with an explanation overleaf.



Recommended route

The recommended Stage 1 route in and out of the city is via the Tamahere Interchange.

The alternate route via Newell Road is **not** recommended because extra traffic may increase safety risks at this intersection – and slow traffic on Newell Road and SH1.

Download this update and email to friends and relatives to show them the new route to your home:

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/waikato-expressway/hamilton/southern-interchange/>

Traffic lights will operate

Some works at the Cherry Lane roundabout and on the East West Link Bridge have been affected by Covid-19 level changes. Traffic lights will continue to operate at the Cherry Lane roundabout and the East West Link Bridge until these remaining works are completed.

More traffic switches ahead

The Stage 2 traffic switch is expected to take place in December 2021. This will provide direct access to your home from the city. This will be followed by Stage 3 – the traffic on-ramp from the East West Link Road to the city. The East West Link Road will be named Alfred Main Drive.

We'll keep you informed about **Stage 2** (shown in pink below) and **Stage 3** (shown in orange).



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