



Johnsonville road improvements – unlocking the triangle

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With the deck of the bridge now in place and the intersection of Moorefield and Broderick roads taking shape, it is easier to see how this area will look and operate when the work is finished.

We're making good progress and are pleased to have completed some of the more challenging aspects of the project – aided by ongoing cooperation from Johnsonville residents.

This update includes info on the Johnsonville off-ramp and Fraser Avenue intersection work, a footpath closure that will affect people who commute into Wellington by bike, and more about the work that's happening in and around the bridge.

➔ Johnsonville off-ramp night closures

Creating a second lane on a busy motorway off-ramp isn't easy and we have had to close the ramp at night on several occasions.

Further night closures are likely at times over the coming months to carry out work that can't safely be done while the ramp is in operation. These will generally happen between 10pm and 5am.

At this stage, closures are possible overnight on 30 and 31 March; 7 and 8 April; and 11, 12, 18 and 19 May but these dates could change.

The electronic signs in Ngauranga Gorge will say if the ramp is closed and you need to take the Glenside/Churton Park exit. You can also follow [@NZTAWgtn](https://twitter.com/NZTAWgtn) on Twitter or check tfw.govt.nz

➔ Off-ramp footpath closure coming up

The footpath adjacent to the off-ramp will be closed for about a month from mid-April as we work to create a wider new shared pathway.

This will affect cyclists – particularly on the homeward journey – and pedestrians who use this footpath. The only pedestrian/cycle route along the highway during this closure will be the one on the other side of SH1.

If you are coming north up Ngauranga Gorge, you'll need to exit at Newlands, come over the bridge and get on to the pathway on the right-hand side that is normally used mainly in a city-bound direction. With just one path in operation, it's likely to be busier than usual so please take care.



Work is under way on the new retaining wall adjacent to Takatimu Way.

➔ New-look Moorefield Road and bridge take shape

The last of the deck beams were craned into position in early February and work to complete the new bridge – which is one of Wellington’s widest – is continuing. Brief bridge closures are possible at times during off-peak hours.

We’re also putting in the last of the new retaining walls in this area – across from Alex Moore Park below Moorefield Road; below the new bridge between Bould Street and Takatimu Way; and adjacent to Gothic Street.

Some of the new kerbs are in on Moorefield Road and over the next six weeks you’ll see the section north of Broderick Road almost completed apart from final surfacing and finishing work.

➔ More car parks near the station

In the last week or so, we’ve been able to reinstate eight public parking spaces in the mall car park near the station. We hope to be able to make another four available very soon.

➔ Pedestrian detours near Gothic Street

From early April, you will begin to see work going on in the car park near Richard’s Motorcycles and the Filipino Mart as we start to widen that section of Broderick Road and Gothic Street.

You’ll still be able to use Gothic Street and most of the car park but pedestrian detours will be in place in the area until late May. We expect the new traffic lights to be installed in June but these won’t be switched on until the bridge and new lanes are complete.

➔ New kerbs go in at the Fraser Avenue intersection – expect off-peak delays at times

Through April and most of May there will be a lot going on at the Fraser Avenue intersection as we reshape the intersection and progressively work our way around it installing new kerbs.

Lane closures are possible between 9am and 3pm, which at times may mean delays for people using Corlett Street and Fraser Avenue. The new traffic lights will be installed during May and switched on in June.



Johnsonville residents made do with this single lane bridge in Broderick Road until 1967 when it was replaced with the two-lane bridge that was demolished at Christmas.

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➔ General work hours

Monday to Saturday, 7am–7pm, with the possibility of some Sunday and night work.

➔ Timeline

We’re on track to complete most work in the Moorefield and Broderick Road area by late June, including changes in and around Gothic Street. We’re aiming to finish all the Johnsonville roading improvements by the end of September. These include:

- the new off-ramp
- new traffic lights at Fraser Avenue
- pedestrian and cycle improvements to provide a bypass at the roundabouts
- crossing point and other improvements along Johnsonville Road
- a new 3m-wide shared walking and cycle path on the west side of Moorefield Road from the roundabouts to Onslow College and Raroa Intermediate School.

➔ To find out more

There’s lots of information about the project on our website wellington.govt.nz/jvilleroads including maps showing what’s planned. These are also on display in the mall.

If you have questions about the project, or decide you don’t want to receive any more updates from us, please email johnsonvilleroads@wcc.govt.nz