

The new Broderick Road bridge will be complete at the end of June, apart from the new barriers, which are due to be installed in July.



Johnsonville road improvements – unlocking the triangle

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All of the work to make getting into and around Johnsonville easier is on track.

By the end of this month, the bridge and intersection of Moorefield and Broderick roads will be largely complete and you'll be able to use all the new lanes in that area. Two lanes are available now most of the time.

Work will be continuing in other areas for a few more months but by the end of September – as planned – the barriers and traffic management should all be gone.

The new traffic signals at Fraser Avenue and Gothic Street will be operating, getting off the motorway will be easier and there will be safer, more user friendly routes for pedestrians and cyclists.

➔ More Johnsonville off-ramp night closures

The new second lane on the motorway off-ramp is in place and, weather permitting, we plan to seal both lanes next week. We'll be doing the work at night to minimise disruption and the off-ramp will need to be closed while this happens.

The dates could change but at this stage the closures are likely to be Sunday 7 June to Thursday 11 June, 10pm to 5am.

The electronic signs in Ngauranga Gorge will indicate when 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

All going well, these should be the last off-ramp closures required for this project.

We're making good progress on widening the off-ramp but it will be a few months before the two lanes are in use. All the improvements in the Fraser Avenue area, including the new traffic lights, need to be completed first.

➔ Wider cycle and pedestrian path takes shape

Work is under way to widen the narrow path alongside the motorway off-ramp. It's going from a metre to two metres wide, which will make it easier and safer to share.

We had planned to close the pedestrian and cycle access on this side of the highway while the widening work happened but we've been able to avoid that by moving the traffic lane over a bit and creating a temporary route for pedestrians and cyclists.

You'll be able to use the new section of path later this month once it has been sealed. The path will link to other cycling improvements in a few months' time.

➔ New steps down to the station

We've begun constructing the new stairs linking the Broderick Road bridge to the railway station. These will be concrete, wider than the old timber ones and well lit.

The handrails on the stairs – and the barriers on either side of the bridge – will both feature LEDs (low energy lights).

You should be able to use the stairs and access the platform this way from late July.

Temporary bridge barriers are in place. The permanent ones have parts that are being shipped from England and are due to be installed in July. Their installation will be one of the last things to happen on the bridge.

➔ Car parks above the station

From early July, you'll be able to use the angle-parking on Moorefield Road above the station again. There will be 20 car parks in this location.

Our contractor, Fletchers, moved the site fence and freed up some car parks in the mall car park near the station in March. The remainder will be reinstated in September when the site office and depot are removed.

➔ Big changes in the Fraser Avenue area

You'll have noticed work is under way at the intersection of Fraser Avenue, Corlett Street and Johnsonville Road to realign kerbs, reconfigure the intersection and install new traffic lights.

We've also started work near Super Liquor and will be working outside the Z station from mid-June, so there's going to be a lot happening in this area for the next couple of months. We're doing our best to keep traffic flowing smoothly at peak times but delays are possible.

You'll soon see a new footpath being constructed on the inside of the trees near the Z station, the road being widened and new kerbs being laid. The bus stop and shelter (near Super Liquor) will be moved northwards closer to the Salvation Army Family Store.

The bridges that have been built in Broderick Road show how Johnsonville's transport needs have changed over time. This two-lane bridge built in 1967 and demolished in late 2014 replaced a one-lane timber bridge. The latest one is more than double the width. It will have three traffic lanes and space for a fourth plus footpaths and cycle lanes on either side.

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➔ General work hours

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

➔ Timeline

We're aiming to finish all the Johnsonville roading improvements by the end of September. These include:

- the two-lane off-ramp
- new traffic lights at Fraser Avenue and Gothic Street
- 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](https://www.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