

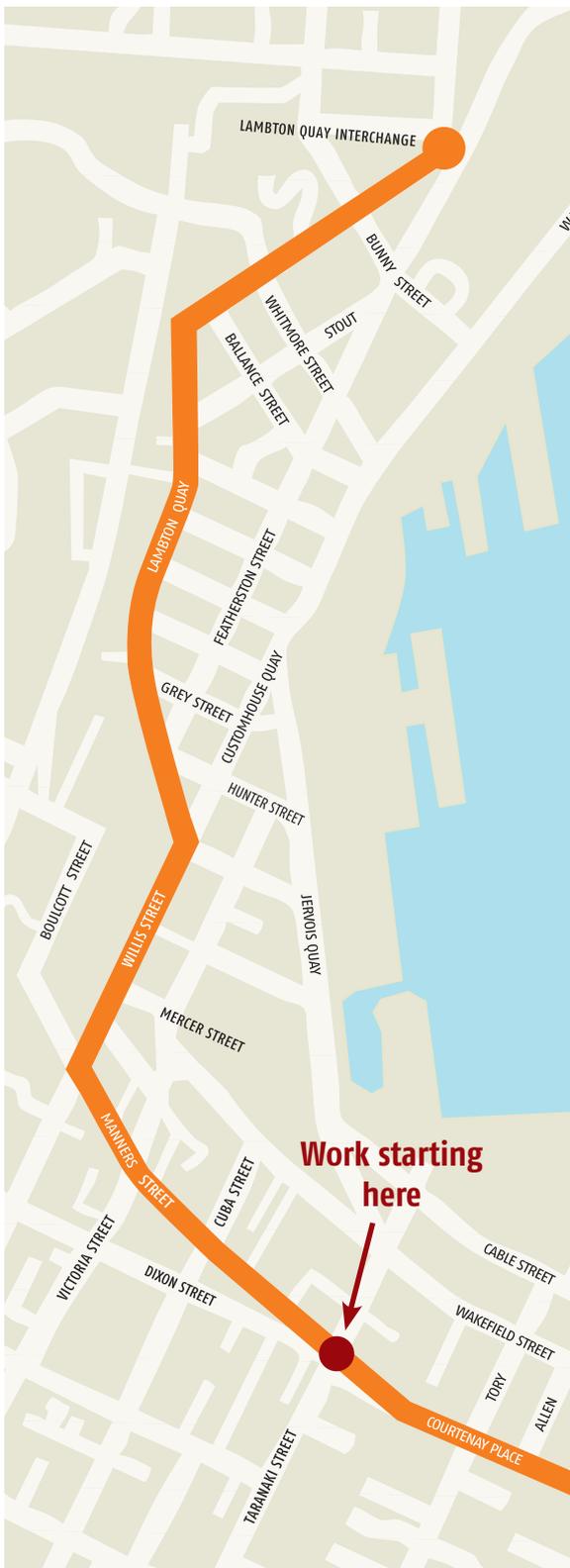
GOLDEN MILE PROJECT UPDATE

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Getting things under way

- Work will soon be under way to establish a quicker, more direct bus route through the city via what is now Manners Mall and, following that, a new shared space in lower Cuba Street.
- This will improve the city's public transport network and the pedestrian links between Cuba Mall, Civic Square and the waterfront.
- This is a major change that will have positive benefits. The Environment Court recently confirmed that the advantages of this proposal outweigh any disadvantages.
- Our plan is to construct the new shared space in lower Cuba Street next year once the new bus route is operating. Before we can build this shared space, we need to construct the new busway through the mall and make other changes along the new route.
- Manners Street will continue to be a major pedestrian thoroughfare and, once work is complete, it will have wide paved footpaths from one end to the other and paving consistent with Lambton Quay and other parts of the Golden Mile.
- Our contractors, Downer, will be doing everything possible to minimise disruption over the coming months as we establish the new bus route.

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All going well, we expect buses to be travelling along the new two-way route between Willis Street and Courtenay Place by Christmas.

Planning the work and keeping you informed

- Before construction work starts in your area, we will contact you about the specific dates and details of the work. You may, however, notice preliminary engineering/planning work taking place in the area some weeks before construction starts.
- We will be in contact with businesses to make sure your access and delivery requirements are met.
- Work associated with the project will get under way from **Monday 17 May** at the intersection of Courtenay Place, Manners Street and Taranaki Street.
- We're extending the kerbs (near Mr Bun Café, Molly Malones, Bungy Extreme and Courtenay Place Park) to provide more waiting space to cross the road and removing the central islands. This is the city's most hazardous intersection and the changes will make it safer for pedestrians.
- We'll also be realigning the footpath at the end of Te Aro Park as part of the creation of the new bus route.
- Work is expected to begin in Manners Mall in June and will take several months. It will be done in stages – rest assured people will still be able to walk through at all times and visit shops, food outlets and businesses.

Clark Mazey at Downer is the best person to talk to about any day-to-day issues. His phone numbers are 815 8383 or 027 442 1168 or you can email clark.mazey@downer.co.nz

After hours, please phone 499 4444.

