We’re making progress

- The last month or so has not been without incident but with better weather, we’ve made significant progress.
- We’ve completed the reconstruction and paving work in Willis Street, on all but one corner at the intersection of Willis and Manners streets, and outside Mr Thank You on the corner of Victoria and Manners streets. Work took longer than expected in some areas but we think you’ll agree – the new paving, kerbs and crossing points are all looking very good.
- It is our intention that all of the work along the new two-way bus route will be completed to this high standard, so retailers and businesses who still have significant work going on outside can look forward to the areas outside their premises looking like these ones soon.
- In six weeks, the more direct new two-way route through the central city will be finished. We’re working with the bus companies, Greater Wellington and Metlink to ensure buses are travelling in both directions through Willis and Manners streets from Sunday 28 November.

New trolley bus wires

- Since early September, Wellington Cable Car Ltd and Transfield Services have had a crew working through the night to install new overhead trolley wiring on the new route. That work is going well and if you look up in Willis Street (between Mercer and Manners), you’ll see the shiny new wires in place.
- Power to a section of the overhead network had to be turned off for about two months so this work could be done. That’s why trolley buses are travelling short distances in some directions on battery power and using an alternative route and wiring on Wakefield and Taranaki streets.
- You’re probably aware the Cuba Street bus stop has been decommissioned. One of the shelters has been permanently moved to Wakefield Street and the other two are being reinstalled on the new route outside Arty Bees Books in Manners Street.
Work in Manners Mall and elsewhere

- The excavation work and concreting required for the new road through Manners Mall is virtually complete, the new kerbs are going in and Downer workers are beginning to lift the last of the old pavers to make way for the new. Wide strips of artificial grass will be used to provide access over uneven surfaces until the new paving is complete.

- Over the next few weeks, the new footpaths through the mall area will be paved in 15 metre sections. Pedestrian access will continue to be along both sides of the street. The work areas will be fenced off but access through them will be provided at all times to adjacent shops and businesses.

- Paving work will also be happening in other areas, including further along Manners Street at the bottom of Cuba Mall and outside The Oaks complex. To help speed things up, two paving gangs will be working at times.

Finishing touches

- Weather permitting, Downer will be reseling the road through the new Golden Mile route between **Sunday 31 October and Friday 12 November**, starting in Willis Street between Mercer and Manners streets.

- The preparation work – which will be noisy – will happen during the day while most of the new seal will be laid at night to minimise disruption. The exception is the mall itself, where asphalt will be laid on top of the new concrete during the day in mid-November. Closer to the time, we’ll get more detailed information to businesses in the areas affected. We will also have information on our website and publicise any traffic diversions.

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