Victoria Street Transformation

An end is in sight with night work on underground services at intersections coming to a close in the next four weeks. Night work is necessary to avoid major traffic disruption and we are doing as much as possible in a tight timeframe to get it over as quickly as possible. Road re-surfacing will follow and we will lay out our programme for this in the next few weeks.

**COMPLEXITY OF UNDERGROUND SERVICES**

A complicated array of pipes and cable ducts is under the ground in Victoria Street, particularly at the intersections, and we avoid these so we can install our ducts without disrupting services. Since November 2014 we have been upgrading the city’s ageing underground services in Victoria Street between Dixon and Abel Smith Streets by installing 9000m of ducts for communications, power, traffic signal connections and gas. Gas lines have been diverted and new stormwater, sewage and watermains installed. The positions of existing pipes and ducts are not always mapped so we don’t know what we will find until we open the ground. We make a GPS record of their positions for future use by city infrastructure organisations.

**NIGHT WORK SCHEDULE**

Weather is a significant factor in our scheduling. The current schedule sees night work on the Vivian/Victoria Streets intersection finishing by the end of next week. Ghuznee Street intersection night work began a week ago and should be finished by Thursday 28 May. Work on the Dixon Street intersection will start in late May, early June. We will keep you updated on any changes via email.

**SAFETY AND NOISE**

We use the safest method available when exposing live underground pipes and cables to ensure the safety of our workers and to avoid service outages for our neighbours. However, it is noisy. The hydrovac squirts water at high pressure into the ground and sucks it up like a vacuum cleaner. We may also need to break up the concrete so we can get to the ground below.

We do try to keep higher noise activities to the first part of the night and use sound barriers around our equipment where possible to minimise noise.

**THE END RESULT – A TRANSFORMED VICTORIA STREET**

You will notice work on Volunteer Corner and the pocket park outside Tommy’s Real Estate progressing swiftly. It will not be long before Victoria Street is a pleasant tree-lined place to walk and spend time.

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A hydrovacced hole showing a complex of underground services to be avoided.
15 MAY – JUNE 2015

DIXON/VICTORIA INTERSECTION
Night works
- Excavating to install ducts for communications, traffic signals and gas
- Likely to start late May/early June, weather permitting
- Sundays to Thursdays 7.00pm – 5.00am

NORTH BLOCK
Feltex Lane
- One-way south to north
Northbound lane closed to through traffic
- Access maintained to properties
- Mobility parks remain accessible; moved to edge of site compound temporarily
Landscaping Volunteer Corner

GHUZNEE/VICTORIA INTERSECTION
Night works
- Excavating to install ducts for new traffic signals - likely to finish by 28 May
- Sundays to Thursdays 7.00pm - 5.00am

CENTRAL BLOCK
Northbound lane closed to through traffic
Landscaping pocket park

VIVIAN/VICTORIA INTERSECTION
Night works
- Excavating for ducting, drainage and telecommunications chambers, west side
- Sundays to Thursdays 7.00pm – 5.00am

SOUTH BLOCK
Access to slip lane
- One entrance only – temporary

ALL BLOCKS
Concreting and asphaltling to install kerbs, driveway ramps and pathways
- Access to properties maintained, works occupy one half of accessway at a time where possible
- Occupants contacted when other arrangements required
- Pedestrian detours required

Underground works completion rate
- South block including Vivian St intersection 96%
- Central block including Ghuznee St intersection 96%
- North block including Dixon St intersection 70%

General work hours
Mon to Fri 7.00am – 6.00pm
Sat 8.00am – 2.00pm
Night works
Sound barriers used to minimise noise
Traffic controls used when lanes closed
Thank you for your patience while transformation works proceed.