

Unlocking the Johnsonville Triangle

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How much will the Johnsonville Triangle project cost?

A. The project will cost \$11.4 million and is being funded jointly by the Council and NZ Transport Agency.

Q. Why is the Transport Agency involved?

A. The project involves adding an extra lane at the Johnsonville State Highway 1 off-ramp – the Transport Agency has responsibility for national roads. Wellington City Council and the Transport Agency are also looking to work more closely to provide a coordinated approach to transport solutions in the city and region as a whole. Working in this way we can achieve more robust solutions and efficiency of scale in the delivery of projects.

Q. When will the work start?

A. Detailed design work, and decisions on how the construction will be staged, will be carried out between April–September 2014. We expect the work to start between September–December, depending on the tender process.

Q. How long will it take?

A. The project will be completed in December 2015.

Q. Why is the Council doing this?

A. This project has been in the pipeline for some time, as part of the Council's Johnsonville Town Centre Plan, and will contribute to economic growth in Johnsonville. The improvements to the Johnsonville Triangle will reduce traffic congestion, particularly on the State Highway 1 off-ramp at peak times, make it easier for everyone to get around the town centre, and make walking and cycling easier and safer.

Q. How will the project reduce traffic congestion?

A. The addition of an extra lane at the State Highway 1 off-ramp will reduce queues by 40 percent at peak times; a new wider bridge over the railway lines; and improvements at intersections on Johnsonville and Broderick roads will also help traffic flow.

Q. Why isn't it being done at the same time as the Johnsonville Mall redevelopment?

A. We expected this work to be done in conjunction with the mall redevelopment. As mall owner DNZ Property Fund has not yet set a date for the redevelopment to start, the Council is getting on with the work to unlock the Johnsonville Triangle. Road works associated with the mall will be done as an extension of this project. The mall redevelopment received resource consent in 2009 and the Council has allocated funding for it in 2014 and 2016.

Q. How many car parks will be lost?

A. Some street parking will be lost from Broderick Road, particularly in the area around the new traffic signals at Gothic Street. Some commuter parking will also be lost from Moorefield Road to allow for the new bridge and extra lane. No parking will be lost on Johnsonville Road but there will be some rearranging of parking as part of relocating bus stops and adding a new north bound bus stop outside the mall.

Q. Will construction be done all at once or will there be noise, dust and delays on all these roads for two years?

A. The construction work will be staged. Council contractors will do all they can to minimise disruption for businesses and residents on the affected roads.

Q. How will safety for cyclists and pedestrians be improved?

A. Cycling and walking will be made easier and safer. A new shared path for cyclists and pedestrians will by-pass the two northern roundabouts at the intersections of Johnsonville/Moorefield roads, and Ironside, Helston and Middleton roads.

New pedestrian crossings will be added at these intersections, signalised crossings will be added or improved at other intersections and kerb extensions will make it easier to cross on Johnsonville Road.

Cycle stop boxes will be added at each of the new and existing signalised intersections.

Q. How will public transport be improved?

A. Bus journeys will be easier and more reliable, through better bus flow around the Johnsonville Triangle, real-time bus travel information, new bus stops and upgraded bus shelters. More bus routes will be able to use Johnsonville Road in the future and the area around the shopping centre car park will be strengthened as a future transport hub.

A new bridge over the railway lines at Broderick and Moorefield roads will be longer and one lane wider to allow for dual railway tracks into Johnsonville Railway Station in future.