

## Progress on Wairere Drive extension project

April/May 2009

The section from Hukanui Road to Huntington Drive (east) was opened to traffic following the Christmas break. This included three new pedestrian/cycle underpasses (under Hukanui Road and Wairere Drive near the Hukanui/Wairere roundabout and under Wairere Drive to the west of the Huntington Drive (east) intersection). The final asphalt surfacing and road marking for this section will be completed during May and landscaping works will be completed over the next few months during the planting season.

Work is progressing well on the section from Huntington Drive (east) through to Crosby Road. As the soils on site are extremely sensitive to moisture the works have been aided by the great spell of dry weather.

The 1050mm diameter Far Eastern Interceptor (FEI) sewer pipeline has been laid at depths to 7m through the length of the site with the exception of the two major gullies. Piling and construction of the pipe bridge structure to support the FEI across the gullies will commence in mid to late April following completion of the twin culverts in the Kirikirioa Stream.

The expected settlement of the peat below the gullies has been achieved and the preloads removed. The temporary culvert, installed to pass the Kirikirioa Stream under the large gully while the settlement was occurring, has been replaced with permanent twin 2000mm diameter culverts and work is well advanced on the concrete headwall structures. Final filling of the gullies will take place upon completion of the FEI pipe bridge, with completion expected by mid June (weather depending).

The majority of the underground services, formation and noise bunds have been completed. The road pavement, footpaths, etc., (with the exception of the gullies) will commence in mid to late April.

The design for the roundabout intersection from Crosby Road through to Gordonton Road is well advanced. This work is dependant on relocation of the Transpower transmission lines adjacent to Gordonton Road and undergrounding of the WEL power service. Work is expected to commence on this in late 2009 subject to the completion of the design work by Transpower for the relocation work and further Council financial approval. We will keep you up-to-date as progress occurs.

Based on the excellent progress to date and depending upon the weather over the winter months into spring, we hope to be able to open the road from Hukanui Road through to Gordonton Road before the October 2010 contract completion date.

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Wairere Drive looking west from Raungawari Drive. The final asphalt surface will be completed in April 2009.



Pipe laying of the Far Eastern Interceptor 1050mm diameter sewer line at the eastern end of the site near Crosby Road.



A piling rig driving steel piles in an in-filled gully. The piles are needed to support the weight of the FEI sewer line over the weaker ground as a measure to reduce the risk of settlement on the pipeline.