

## Construction underway on Access Hamilton Wairere Drive extension project

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Hamilton City Council awarded a contract to Fulton Hogan for the construction of Wairere Drive extension between Hukanui Road and Tramway Road in July 2007.

Prior to earthworks commencing on site a cultural blessing ceremony was performed by representatives from Ngati Wairere. Since then some of the preliminary work has started on the site around the area of the Cooper's and the Kirikiriroa gullies. These need to be filled in for the road to be laid at the finished levels. The infill to the Kirikiriroa Gully will take several months as it is allowed to slowly settle. Work on the existing part of Wairere Drive from Hukanui Road roundabout eastwards is to be progressed early in the contract. This work includes the two new pedestrian and cycle underpasses at the roundabout and upgrading of the existing section of Wairere Drive (from Hukanui Road/Wairere Drive roundabout to the eastern connection of Huntington Drive) to arterial road standards. It is expected to be completed by the end of 2008.

Regular monthly updates will be posted on Council's website at [www.hamilton.co.nz/WairereDrive](http://www.hamilton.co.nz/WairereDrive) where you can also find a downloadable plan of the project. Newsletters and contacts for further information are also available from this website. As this is a project of long duration, newsletters will be published on a less frequent basis than the web updates – only when there is something of significance to report.

A reminder to all residents and others that this is a construction site where there will be machinery working. Although people are interested in what is happening, for their safety's sake, they must not access the site unless directed to do so by the contractor. There are hazards on the site and any visitors must be accompanied by an authorised member of the project team. Parents please speak to your children of the importance not entering the site.

For enquiries about the construction works contact Fulton Hogan direct on 0800 434 924.

For enquires relating to the wider project issues contact Council by the methods below.

The current plans for the project can be viewed at the Transportation Unit (5th Floor) of the Council building in Garden Place.

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