

Progress on Wairere Drive extension project

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Good progress is being made by Fulton Hogan and their subcontractors employed on the construction of the extension of Wairere Drive, from Hukanui Road to Tramway Road.

Work to date has concentrated on the gully crossings in the vicinity of Crosby Road, and the relocation of services along the route, particularly in the vicinity of the Hukanui Road roundabout. This work has generally been clear of residents and hasn't caused too much disruption to the public.

Work on the Eastern Gully (beside Crosby Road) has been commenced and a temporary diversion culvert installed to allow the construction of the permanent culvert.

The undergrounding of the high tension power cables has been completed from Crosby Road to the Kirikiriroa Gully where a temporary aerial span over the gully has been constructed and will serve until the main gully settlement has occurred.

WEL Energy will now complete the underground cabling to connect to the existing underground cabling at Raungawari. Once the existing overhead lines have been decommissioned, machinery will be able to undertake the earthworks safely.

Filling of the Kirikiriroa and Coopers gullies is now proceeding well, after overcoming some difficult foundation problems.

We are aware that dust from the site has been a concern for some residents. In response to this Fulton Hogan is reviewing their dust management measures to lessen the impact of dust from the site. The unusually hot and dry summer weather Hamilton is currently experiencing is a key contributor to the excess dust issue. On the upside the contractor has been able to make good progress on the project.

The next phase of the work will involve the installation of underground services and two pedestrian underpasses. The first underpass will provide a crossing under Hukanui Road immediately south of the roundabout. The second will cross under the existing

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Wairere Drive immediately east of the roundabout. The construction of these structures will result in considerable disruption to traffic flows. However, a well designed traffic management plan will be implemented and with the cooperation of the public, it is hoped that the disruption will be kept to a minimum.

Construction of these underpasses will start on Monday 4 February with installation expected to be completed around February/March 2008. Expect traffic delays and if possible, choose alternative routes.

Once the installation of the services and underpasses are complete, the section of the existing Wairere Drive (from Hukanui Road to Raungawari Drive) will be reconstructed to widen and align it with the new construction of Wairere Drive extension across to Tramway Road.

The Wairere Drive corridor is a construction site and is a hazardous place to non-authorised people. As the worksite is private property east of Raungawari any non-authorised people on site, are trespassing. Please do not enter the construction area without proper authorisation from the site office located in Wairere Drive opposite the eastern end of Huntington Drive.

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