An Accessible City – He Taone Wātea

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WHY
Christchurch people asked for pedestrian friendly city with green spaces and people-friendly areas for living, working and recreation through the Share an Idea campaign in 2011. An Accessible City is designed to deliver on that vision and to cater to the forecast growth in people travelling around the city.

WHERE
The projects Ōtākaro is delivering are:

- Armagh and Colombo Streets, adjacent to Victoria Square
- Manchester Street, from Kilmore Street to Lichfield Street
- Durham Street and Cambridge Terrace, from Kilmore Street to Tuam Street
- Tuam Street, from Durham Street to Hagley Avenue, with parts of St Asaph, Antigua and Montreal Streets.

WHAT
An Accessible City is about making our central city accessible to all whether you travel by bus, car, cycle or on foot.

HOW
Ōtākaro is taking the lead on An Accessible City projects that border key Anchor Projects that it is delivering.

WHEN
Some of these projects are already underway and are expected to finish between mid-2017 and mid-2018.

WHO ELSE IS INVOLVED?
Ōtākaro is responsible for four An Accessible City projects. The remaining projects are being delivered by the Christchurch City Council (CCC).

Downer is constructing three of these projects on behalf of CCC and Ōtākaro, and the other organisations involved: Environment Canterbury, NZ Transport Agency and Ngāi Tahu. For more information about these An Accessible City projects contact Downer on 0800 400 310.
An Accessible City will deliver:

- A compact core with slow streets and people friendly spaces
- Separated cycleways on some key routes, complementing the city-wide cycle network
- Enhanced one-ways systems to help people get around the city more efficiently
- Repaired avenues to provide an improved arterial route around the outside of the central city
- A number of high quality bus stops (with shelters) at key areas to work in tandem with the new Bus Interchange.
Business support

There is strong sense of progress in the central city. New buildings and places to gather are starting to join the businesses that returned to the central city soon after the earthquakes. There is always something new to look at and much to anticipate.

Ōtākaro understands that the process of building Anchor Projects can be stressful for businesses and road users. Working in front of businesses can make it hard for people to see the business. Construction may also result in temporary parking reductions, limited access to parking, or the number of lanes available to traffic. Ōtākaro and its contractors seek to strike an appropriate balance between the needs of road users, businesses and building the projects safely and efficiently.

Ōtākaro encourages the people of Christchurch to keep supporting businesses in the central city affected by construction. At times it will be better for road users without business in the central city to use the four avenues to travel around the city as it will be quicker. This will also help central city businesses affected by road works to remain accessible to their customers.

Will you go the extra mile to support businesses affected by rebuild work?

CONTACT

For more information about these An Accessible City projects contact Downer: 0800 400 310

For information about the wider An Accessible City programme contact Christchurch City Council: 03 941 8999 or visit the Christchurch City Council website and search for “an accessible city.”

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