

Frequently asked questions about the Hospital Corner and Hagley / Moorhouse Corner traffic changes

Commuters

Q. What will happen with the pedestrian crossings near the Hospital?

A. The pedestrian crossings are remaining, but improvements are being made to reduce the crossing distance, with a larger island. Tactile pavers are also being installed on all crossing points to improve safety for the visually impaired.

Q. Won't the intersection at Riccarton Avenue and Tuam Street become very busy and congested?

A. With no entry to Hagley Avenue from Moorhouse Avenue and Lincoln Road, it is anticipated 12,000 fewer vehicles per day will use this intersection. This will make it a less congested crossing for pedestrians and cyclists.

Q. How does making Tuam Street one-way make the Central City more accessible?

A. A one-way Tuam Street will become the preferred route for general traffic and buses. Transport analysis has shown keeping Tuam Street a two-way street would mean significant traffic delays. One of the ways to make the Central City more accessible is to give buses the 'green wave' into the Bus Interchange via a one-way Tuam Street. In order to deliver the Te Papa Ōtākaro / Avon River Precinct improvements on Oxford Terrace, together with more low-speed, pedestrian-friendly streets in the inner zone, a pair of efficient general traffic streets are needed across the southern side of the Central City. The new eastbound-only Tuam Street replaces the current one-way systems on Lichfield and St Asaph streets.

Q. What is the Council doing about parking in the Central City?

A. The Council is working with CERA on the Draft Christchurch Central Parking Plan, which will guide parking provision within the Central City. Available online as a public document, the plan will provide information about availability and timing of parking facilities within the Central City. The information in the plan will help guide people who want to access and invest in the city. It will be updated as new information comes to hand.

Q. The Stronger Christchurch Infrastructure Rebuild Team (SCIRT) is working in the Central City. How is this going to align with these transport project works?

A. SCIRT is responsible for fixing earthquake-damaged infrastructure, which is mostly under the roads and this often doesn't require major road renewal at the surface. Transport projects detailed in *An Accessible City* aim to improve the street network and outline the shape of further road improvements to many streets. This goes substantially beyond the early rebuild task, which is urgent and ongoing work by SCIRT. However, the Council and CERA are working closely with SCIRT to identify opportunities for cost savings and aligned delivery, but the different funding

mechanisms, design and approval processes do not always allow work to be implemented at the same time.

Q. With no entry to Hagley Avenue from Moorhouse Avenue and Lincoln Road, won't Antigua Street intersection become congested with traffic?

A. No, this is because traffic heading into the city will also be able to use Montreal, Colombo and Manchester streets. There are multiple access points that will ensure traffic is dispersed.

Hospital and emergency

Q. How will people know how to get to the Hospital?

A. Electronic message boards and advanced directional signage will be in place on roads around the hospital as soon as work starts.

Q. Will Emergency Services know about these changes?

A. Yes, the Council has been working closely with all Emergency Services and they are aware of the changes.

Q. Will I still be able to access the hospital's park & ride service?

A. Yes. The hospital's park & ride service will not be affected by these changes, although the shuttle buses themselves may need to take a slightly different route during the works. The Metro / old Brewery car park will be accessible via St Asaph Street and/or Antigua Street, as it is now.

Q. Will I still be able to drop off or pick up people from the hospital?

A. Yes. The works do not affect access to the hospital grounds.

Q. Will I be able to cross the roads in front of the hospital while work is going on?

A. Yes. A system of traffic controls and crossings will be in place to ensure that pedestrians can cross safely. Pedestrians, cyclists and drivers should take extra care negotiating Hospital Corner during this time.

Cycling

Q. When will the Antigua Boatshed bridge be open for cyclists?

A. This bridge is scheduled for reopening in the first quarter of 2015.

Q. Will I be able to use Oxford Terrace to get into the Central City?

A. This area is being developed by CERA as part of Te Papa Ōtākaro / Avon River Precinct. While construction takes place access may be restricted.