



Huanui pānui

(paths and roadways newsletter)

Kā Huanui a Tāhuna is an alliance partnership between NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) and Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) along with four design and construction companies, Beca, WSP, Downer and Fulton Hogan.

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Kia ora koutou,

As winter draws to a close, it's a good chance to look back on a busy season which has set us up for the next six months of construction. And while spring is just around the corner, last week's events are a reminder that unsettled weather is not behind us.

Over the past month we've made good progress around the Frankton intersection, including along SH6A Frankton Road and laying kerb and channel all the way to Hansen Link Road. A big piece of work has started in the Frankton Village carpark and we're working with local businesses and residents to make sure people have ongoing access.

Further along SH6, our site is now established at Howards Drive and excavation is underway along the shoulders of the highway. And at the site of the new Pūāhuru bridge, September will see the start of a six-month programme of soil nailing to strengthen the highway embankments. Full details are below

Thanks for reading,
Kā Huanui a Tāhuna team

SH6/6A Frankton Intersection and Bus Hub Improvements

Maintaining access to Frankton Village

In the early stages of the Frankton Intersection and Bus Hub Improvements project we upgraded underground services, rebuilt and resurfaced McBride and Gray Streets. Now it's time to do similar on the Frankton Village carpark and roadway, running alongside the SH6/6A intersection.

The work will be done in stages and includes:

- demolishing and rebuilding 903sq/m of roadway and carparking beside Frankton Village, increasing safety and accessibility for people on foot, scooters, or bikes
- building a retaining wall between the state highway and Frankton Village
- installing fibre optic cabling for traffic signals and signalised pedestrian crossings
- trenching for a new stormwater pipe under the Frankton Village carpark to strengthen the stormwater network.

For eight weeks, people won't be able to drive fully through the Frankton Village lane, but both ends of the carpark remain open. More parking is provided at the Gray Street public carpark and near the shops. Pedestrian access will always be maintained in both stages, as shown in the diagrams below:

Stage 1 - 24 August to 24 September 2026:



Stage 2 - End of September to early October 2026:



To get this job done safely and quickly, we will be working on Saturdays where possible. Demolition and other noisy work will occur during normal working hours.

For more information, visit the [Upcoming works](#) page on our website.

Progress gallery



Our teams have tidied up the footpaths and grass verge along SH6A Frankton Road, now that the utilities work is completed, the road widened and the new road surface asphalted. We'll come back to work in this area later this year to excavate and rebuild the central part of the road, and again early next year to asphalt the new shared path and people's driveways for improved access to homes and businesses.



Along the north side of SH6 Frankton-Ladies Mile, new kerb and channel has been poured from outside Frankton Cemetery right along to Hansen Road, and from Hansen Road to the new Hansen Link Road. The link is opening in October, when the end of the current Hansen Road (where it meets the highway) will become a cul-de-sac. Offsetting the SH6/Hansen Road and SH6/Joe O'Connell Drive intersections will make it safer and easier to get on and off the highway as part of the final design.

Pūāhuru Bridge

Early works starting at Pūāhuru

After several months of behind-the-scenes preparations, people will start seeing work alongside SH6 Frankton-Ladies Mile this month.

Tree removal

Early next week, contractors will remove a number of small trees and shrubs along the southern side of the highway, behind the Glenda Drive/Margaret Place businesses. This makes space for the new shared use path which will extend from the southern landing of the new bridge along to Hardware Lane.

Soil nailing

A significant programme of work to strengthen the embankments on either side of the highway, between the site of the new bridge and the Shotover River, will also start next week.

Over the next six months, teams will use machinery alongside the highway to drill up to 70 soil nails into the hill slopes. The nails need to be drilled through nearly 20 metres of glacial soil into bedrock, with about three nails installed each day.

As our teams will be working next to the highway, lane separators and temporary steel barriers will keep traffic at a safe distance from the machinery and allow for cyclists to be separated from vehicles.

A temporary speed limit of 50km/h will be in place for the approximately 1.2km stretch of highway between Shotover Bridge and Hawthorne Drive roundabout.



Most of the time, access to/from Quail Rise will be maintained via Tucker Beach Road and the Frankton-bound on-ramp to SH6 Frankton-Ladies Mile will remain open.

The drilling will mostly take place during the day for safety and to get the job done as quickly as possible, but there will be periods of night work as machinery will encroach on the state highway. When we're working at night there will be a short detour for people travelling from Quail Rise into Frankton – more details below.

Night work and detour

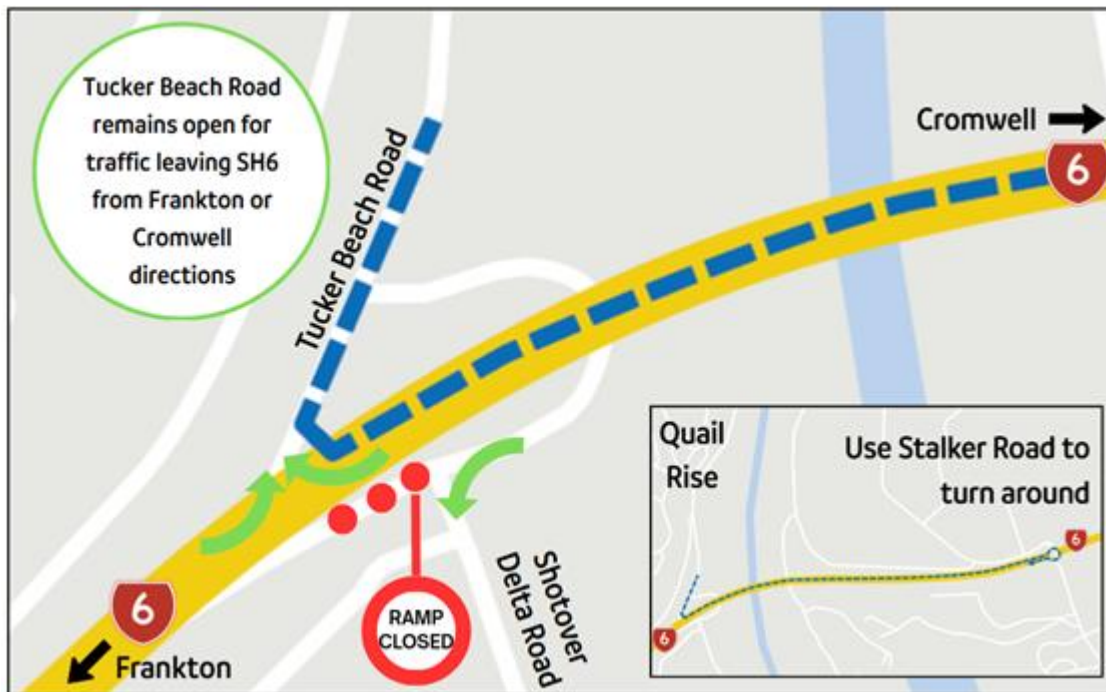
The first block of night work will take place from Thursday 10 September, 9pm-6am, for about two weeks (excluding Friday and Saturday nights). Teams will install temporary barriers, set up new traffic lanes, carry out service investigations, and drill the lower two rows of 'anchors' into the embankments.

This must be done at night as the drilling mast extends out into the live traffic lane, and doing this work during the day would be too disruptive to highway traffic.

When we're working at night, the on-ramp to SH6 Frankton-Ladies Mile will close to traffic. People travelling to Frankton from Quail Rise will need to turn left out of Tucker Beach Road onto SH6, travel to Stalker Road roundabout and turn around to resume their journey.

Tucker Beach Road remains open for traffic exiting SH6 from Frankton, turning right off the highway from Lake Hayes/Cromwell, or accessing businesses on Shotover Delta Road.

For more information, visit the [Upcoming works page](#) on our website.



There will be several periods of night work over the next six months, keep an eye out for VMS boards around the SH6/Tucker Beach Road intersection for upcoming dates.

SH6 Ladies Mile - Howards Drive

Teams on the ground at Howards Drive

With our site established on the corner of Howards Drive and SH6 Ladies Mile, excavation is underway next to the highway as part of creating the larger intersection footprint.

A reminder that a 50km/h temporary speed limit is now in place through this area. With our teams working alongside and on the highway over coming months, there's lots of reasons why it's important that drivers adhere to the lower speed limit:

- **Protect people:** lower speeds give drivers and on-site workers more time to see, react, and avoid incidents.
- **Fit the changed road layout:** lane shifts and obstructed sightlines can make normal speeds unsafe.
- **Handle variable surfaces:** loose chip, uneven pavement, ramps/plates, and wet seal need gentler speeds to stay in control and avoid vehicle damage.
- **Expect surprises:** heavy machinery, trucks, and workers can enter the live lane unexpectedly.

- **Reduce harm:** lower speeds significantly cut crash risk and the severity of any impact.
- **Protect the work:** slowing lets new seal and markings cure properly, preventing damage, debris, and costly rework.
- **Hazards remain after hours:** even when crews aren't visible, changes in road surfaces and lane layouts can be present.
- **It's the law:** temporary limits are enforceable – speeding risks fines, demerits, and licence consequences.

Thanks for your cooperation – let's make sure everyone gets where they're going, and home again, safely.

Looking out for furry friends



On a lighter note, following the creation of the new shared use path in front of Arvida Queenstown Country Club, our team were happy to accommodate a request for some dog-friendly signage. As owners of various canine characters ourselves, we know the importance of everyone 'looking out for others' on the shared paths around our neighbourhoods.

Dogs can be unpredictable, meaning cyclists may not have much time to react – whether you have two wheels, two feet or four paws, share the path.

The Kā Huanui a Tāhuna team thank you for your patience. We are listening to your feedback and working hard to minimise disruption.

Please contact us should you have any queries or concerns:



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