

Construction is underway at the SH6 Ladies Mile – Howards Drive intersection

As part of the Queenstown Package, we're planning improvements to make it easier and safer for everyone to get on and off SH6, while keeping traffic moving more smoothly. The SH6 Ladies Mile-Howards Drive intersection is being rebuilt as traffic signals.



Visualisations upon completion early 2028

This work includes:



Creating a four-leg intersection with traffic signals at the SH6 Ladies Mile-Howards Drive intersection, to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, and enable safer and more reliable traffic movements in all directions.



Upgrading critical services to unlock future development along SH6 Ladies Mile.



Building 150m of shared use path on the southern side of SH6 Ladies Mile, west of the Howards Drive intersection, increasing safety and accessibility for people on foot, scooters or bikes.



Our teams will be working very close to the live lanes, so highway speeds will be reduced to 50km/h for the 18 month construction period.

Tree removal and replacement

In early August, 30 trees near the SH6 Ladies Mile-Howards Drive intersection are being removed to make space for the new intersection.

While space is needed for the larger intersection, we are keeping as many of the trees as possible. The finished plan includes landscaping and planting to maintain the look and feel of the entrance to Queenstown. The design includes landscaped buffer areas of 10 metres on the north side of SH6 and 25 metres on the south side, helping to preserve the gateway experience into Queenstown.

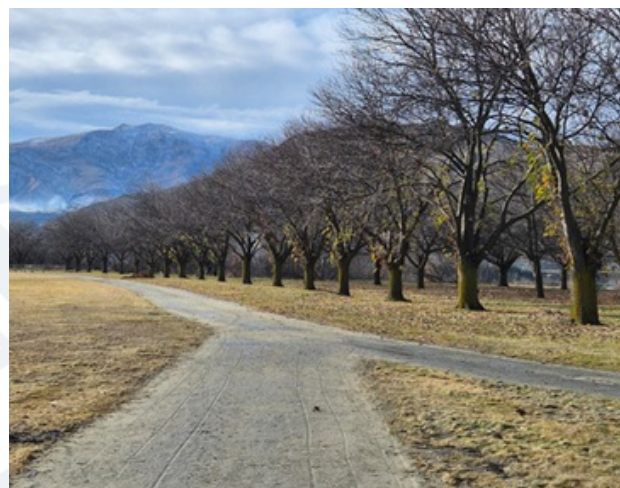
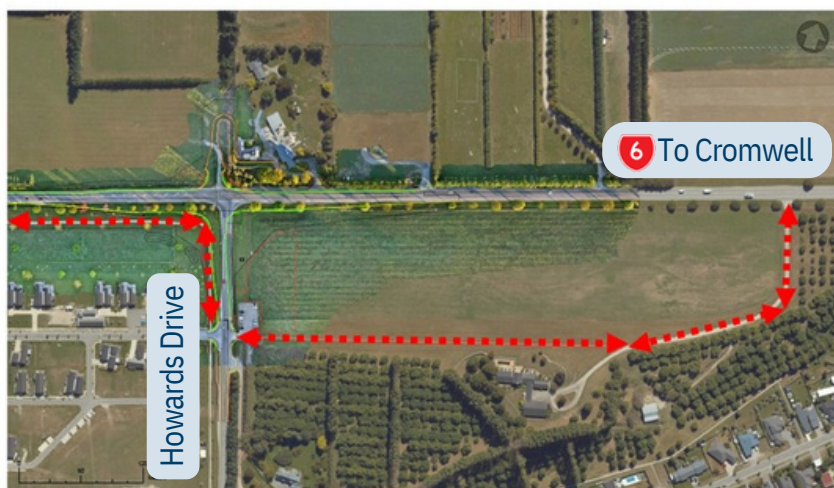
While trees are an important part of every community, this must be balanced with the need to provide safer and more reliable travel options for people in this growing area.

Replacement trees will include specimen trees, such as deciduous oak and native kowhai, and suitable shrubs and bushes.

As with previous tree removals, tree mulch and any available wood will be provided to local organisations. Groups such as the Whakatipu Rowing Club and Whakatipu Reforestation Trust have received mulch and wood in the past.



A new cycling and pedestrian path to detour off SH6



We're diverting cyclists and pedestrians onto a dedicated path that links to the existing dog walking track. The newly formed path and car park will be managed by QLDC once the project is completed. All of the trees near the new path remain.

Construction impacts

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