

SH6 and Howards Drive intersection

We're upgrading the SH6 Ladies Mile / Howards Drive intersection as part of the Queenstown Package.

Howards Drive intersection upgrade

Work is underway to upgrade the SH6 Ladies Mile / Howards Drive intersection as part of the Queenstown Package.

SH6 is a key route for how people, freight and visitors move around the region, and these improvements will support safer, more reliable travel now and into the future.

The upgrade will make it easier and safer for everyone to get on and off SH6, while helping traffic move more smoothly.

[Construction underway at SH6 and Howards Drive intersection work notice – July 2026 \[PDF, 3 MB\]](#)

What's changing

The existing t-intersection will be rebuilt as a signalised, four-way intersection.

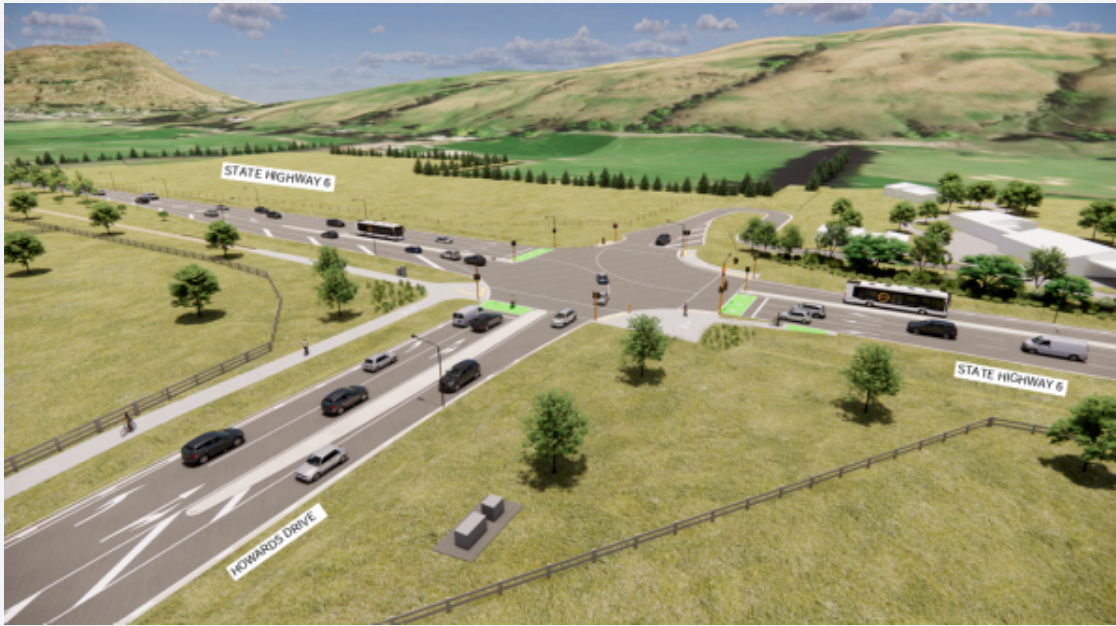
This includes:

- a set of traffic lights to manage movements in all directions
- safer crossings for people walking and cycling
- shared paths to improve connections
- space to support future growth along Ladies Mile

Plans for the intersection have been refined as the area grows, with traffic signals confirmed as the best solution for the future.

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What it will look like



Artist's impression of the future SH6 Ladies Mile / Howards Drive intersection, showing traffic lights, shared paths, and new road layout.

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How we'll build it

We've already completed early works to relocate underground services and move and upgrade power as well as preparing the site. From mid 2026, we'll begin building the new intersection in stages.

Work will move across different parts of the site, starting on one side of the state highway and progressing to the other.

Throughout construction, we'll keep at least one lane open in each direction, put a temporary lower speed limit in place, and carry out some night work to reduce disruption during the day.

What to expect during construction

There will be some disruption while work is underway, including changes to traffic layouts, reduced speeds through the site, and occasional delays, especially at peak times.

Trees and landscaping

Some trees have been removed to make space for the new intersection and underground services.

New planting will be included as part of the final landscaping, with more trees planted than removed.

Timing

Main construction starts mid 2026 and will take about 18 months to complete. The new intersection is expected to be in place by summer 2027/28.

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