



North Auckland and Northland grid upgrade project



Albany to Wairau cable section

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We have important updates and information to share with everyone about our work plans over the upcoming holiday period. We'd also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone happy and safe holidays.

If you would like to receive our construction updates please email naan@transpower.co.nz and we will add you to our distribution list.



Our holiday work hours

We will be stopping work on 22 December and our crews will return to work on 3 January. During this time our worksites will be securely locked and heavy equipment will be stored within the worksites.

Important safety reminder

We would like to remind people, for their own safety, they must stay out of our work areas at all times – even if no work is being carried out they are not a safe environment. We have installed boundary fencing to keep the public safe and out of the work areas. If you have children please talk to them about the sites and remind them that they are not play areas. We appreciate people's cooperation and patience while our project is underway.



Access to George Pannill Reserve

George Pannill's Reserve is currently closed and will remain closed until our trenching work in the area is completed. For safety, this also includes over the holiday period. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Work underway

Trenching and duct installation is progressing well through Northwood Reserve and George Pannill Reserve. Weather permitting we will have largely completed this area by end of February 2012, with final reinstatement to be carried out after cable installation at the end of the project.



Thermal backfill pour at Northwood Reserve.

Upcoming works

Bush Road crossing

Bush Road will be reduced to one lane while we trench across the road between George Pannill Reserve and Northwood Reserve. We expect this work to start on 4th January 2012 and take approximately two weeks.

We have ensured this work takes place outside of school term to reduce traffic impacts. Please use caution when travelling through this area, and take alternative where possible.

North Harbour Hockey Stadium

Access to the North Harbour Hockey Stadium grounds will be reduced from mid December 2011 to late January/early February 2012 to allow excavation of a trench and installation of cables along the designated cable route. Please follow traffic management signage for appropriate alternative access points and car parking during this time.



Trial work in Northern Busway

Early next year we will begin installing cables in existing ducts in the Northern Busway. To test the effect of our planned work on busway operations we carried out a trial on 14 December. We are using the results of the trial to fine tune our traffic management plans so we can minimise disruption to bus flow when cabling work gets underway.

Landscaping plans

We received a lot of useful feedback from residents on the proposed landscaping plans for George Pannill Reserve and were able to incorporate suggestions into the final plan. A summary is outlined below.

- Increasing the minimum spacing between orchard trees to five meters to allow for ease of mowing.
- Adopting a more linear planting design as there was some concern the proposed planting was too cluttered.
- Replacing Quince and Plum trees on a two for one basis which is consistent with the planting programme for the apple trees. All replacement fruit trees are heritage varieties identified by Auckland Council.
- The selection of native species around the Alexander Stream cable bridge has been changed to be more consistent with plants already growing in the area such as Lemonwood, Mapou, Flax, Hohere, Kanuka, Manuka, Hebe, Karo and Punga.
- We will be retaining all but 40 to 50 of the Japanese Cedars at the southern end of the walkway between Kristin Lane and Rosedale Road.

We will be posting our full, council approved, landscaping plans on our website at www.gridnewzealand.co.nz/naan-wairau-rd-to-albany.



From all of us at here we would like to wish you happy and safe holidays!

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