



Artist's Impression of Te Hā Noa

# TE HĀ NOA: STAGE 1 REMAINING WORKS

Midtown is changing fast, and **Te Hā Noa** on Victoria Street is a key part of that change. It will make Victoria Street greener and easier to move through, with safer and more spacious walking and cycling connections to support the thousands of people who will use the City Rail Link's Te Waihorotiu Station, expected to open later in 2026.

We're now preparing to **resume works** and start the **final section on Victoria Street East** (between Queen and High / Lorne Streets) to complete Stage 1 of Te Hā Noa (Kitchener Street to Elliott Street), once Watercare disestablishes their site in April 2026.

**Most of Te Hā Noa is already complete** and this final section will complete Stage 1. When finished Victoria Street will have one vehicle lanes in each direction, **wide tree-lined footpaths** with places to sit, street furniture, public art and a **designated cycle lane**.

We know these upgrades are disruptive, so we'll keep you informed through clear and timely updates and responses, well-managed construction staging that **protects access and minimises disruption**, and business support and engagement activities that help bring visitors into the area. This project is led by Auckland Council with construction delivered by JFC.



People enjoying the new Te Hā Noa improvements on Victoria Street

# OUR COMMITMENTS

Some construction impacts are unavoidable, but we're committed to minimising construction disruption for businesses, residents and visitors.

## Access

Temporary traffic management will be in place to keep the two-way traffic flowing and to keep the public and our team safe.

Pedestrian access to businesses and residencies will remain open, but routes may change as we move through stages.

Clear wayfinding and business signs will be in place.

Loading zones will be available when they can be operated safely. We will work with nearby businesses to assist them with their loading and servicing needs.

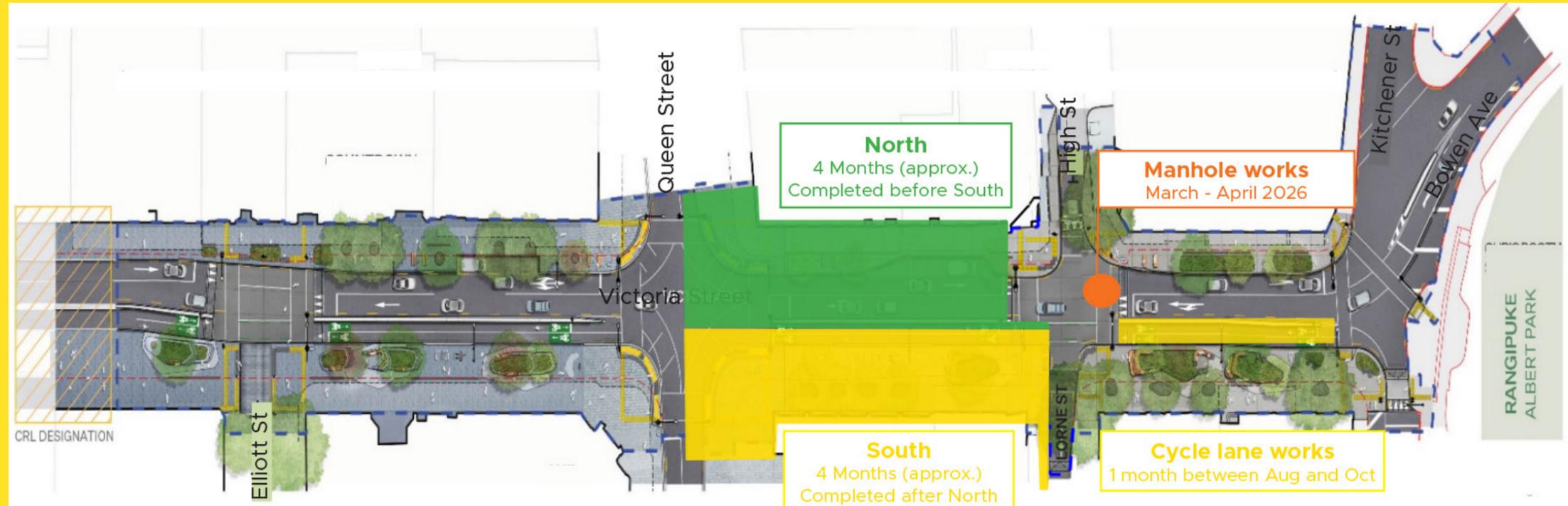
Waste collection will be managed during works. If any temporary changes are needed, we will notify in advance.

## Minimise Disruptions

We want to understand your impacts, requirements and concerns for efficient and coordinated ways to minimise disruption.

We'll reduce noise and dust by using noise mats, cutting booths and choosing the right time, location and tools for the job.

Typical work hours are expected to be Monday-Saturday 7am - 7pm. Some work will happen outside these hours, and we'll give advance notice.



# TIMELINE

Works will be delivered in phases to minimise disruption. The timeframes below are indicative and subject to change. Works are expected to commence between March and April 2026.

## Manhole Works 4 weeks

Ōrākei Mains Sewer (OMS) manhole works at High Street / Victoria Street intersection.

## Watercare Site Transition 1 week

Watercare site is disestablished and replaced with Te Hā Noa site.

## North Section 4 months (approx.)

North section of the Te Hā Noa works start on Victoria Street East. Vehicle access maintained via the South section of the road.

## Cycle Lane Works 1 month between August - October

Adding the remaining lane separator and asphalt to finish the cycle lane on Victoria Street East (Kitchener-Lorne)

## South Section 4 months (approx.)

South section of the Te Hā Noa works start on Victoria Street East. Vehicle access switches to the North section of the road.

## Construction Steps

The Te Hā Noa upgrades on Victoria Street will generally involve the following steps:

1. Utilities trenching and upgrades
2. New curbs for the wider footpaths
3. Base preparation and concrete pour for new footpaths
4. Paving of the new footpaths in the Queen Street intersection area, including grouting and sealing
5. Road milling, asphaltting and line marking
6. Installation of new furniture, tree pits, greenery and lighting

# DESIGN

Te Hā Noa is transforming Victoria Street into a more vibrant, welcoming place designed to support local businesses and the growing number of people.

We've worked closely with mana whenua, co-designing elements such as street furniture and developing two significant public artworks.



Planting of native trees, garden beds and new street furniture to give city centre residents and visitors beautiful places to relax.



A protected cycle lane that improves connections and makes cycling safer and simpler through midtown.



Improved intersections along Te Hā Noa providing safer pedestrian crossings.



Enhanced and spacious footpaths creating safer, more comfortable walking routes with more space around shopfronts and entrances.



Te Hā Noa, a name gifted by mana whenua, means "to freely breathe and experience the surroundings of one's journey"

Te Hā Noa is upgrading Victoria Street to support Te Waihorotiu Station's opening later in 2026, when thousands of people will use the station daily via two entrances on Victoria Street and one on Wellesley Street.



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# CONTACT

Thank you for your patience while we complete this final section of Te Hā Noa Stage 1. We'll keep you updated as works progress and will do our best to minimise disruption and maintain safe access.

If you need more information or support during construction (e.g. Small Business Support Programme, local activations or on-street safety), please get in touch and we can connect you with the right team.

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