

Works update

6 January 2020

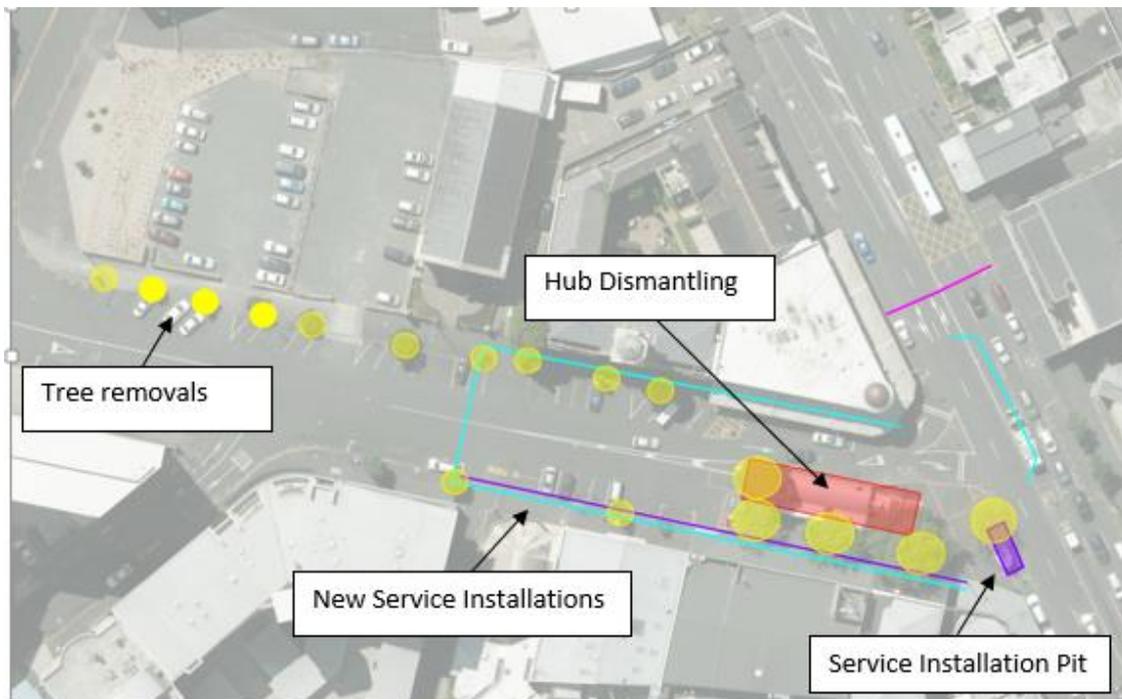
Dear neighbour,

January is a busy month for Karangahape Station. Demolition is well underway in Mercury Lane and work in Beresford Square will start in the New Year.

Construction activity accelerates in Beresford Square

January works include lane closures, utilities diversions, demolition work, salvage of timber, glass and steel and some tree removal.

We need to move the existing underground services because they are currently located within the proposed construction footprint of Karangahape Station. The utility diversion works will be staged to keep traffic flowing in the area, as indicated in the staging diagram below:



The work in Beresford Square involving footpath and pavement excavations will be continue until April/May. All areas of excavation will be fenced off and pedestrian access will be maintained to the best of our ability. These works are noisy but mitigation measures will be in place to reduce disruption. After May, the main works will begin in preparation for the digging of the tunnels.

Below are the estimated dates of works and how it may impact you.

What's going to happen?

6 January 2020

- Wilson’s car park will be closed as a car park and used to accommodate the fencing and barrier delivery

7 January

- Pitt Street will be reduced to one lane in each direction, between Greys Avenue and Karangahape Road for about one month to allow for the start of relocating utility services, such as electricity, gas, communications, water
- Through traffic from Beresford Square to Pitt Street will be closed permanently but vehicle access will be maintained for residents to access car parks, buildings, Day Street and Samoa Lane
- The majority of the remaining public parking on Beresford Square will be limited to use
- Fences go up around the trees prior to removal
- Trees will be removed and select ones have been gifted to some local woodturners after being offered to Mana Whenua in the first instance

8 January

- The Twist (dancing girl bronze art work) is remove and put into storage by Auckland Council
- Fences go up around the Info Hub in preparation for demolition

13 January

- Removal and salvage of glass, steel and timber from the Info Hub begins
- The front section of the Hub is a heritage building and will be removed and stored by Auckland Council
- Site office will be established and setup in Wilson car park on Beresford Street
- Shallow utility relocations work begin along both sides of Beresford Square (one side at a time)

Mid-January – May

- Shallow utility relocations work continues in Beresford Square and the footpath will be closed in sections

Mid-February –May

- The centre lane of Pitt street will be closed to accommodate southbound cable diversion
- Storm water and waste water installations (pipes, manholes and linking property services to the mains)
- Beresford Square footpath will be closed in sections for these works

When will this work happen?

Our working hours are between 7am and 10 pm Monday to Friday, and Saturday 7am to 2 pm. Typically working 7 to 7 pm. If we do require to work later we will notify residents and businesses.

How will this affect me?

Traffic

In preparation for the lane closures, the bus stop outside the Auckland Central Methodist Parish has been relocated to 80 Greys Avenue.

With the removal of on-street parking in the square and Wilson’s carpark at the lower end, we have identified alternative public parking options in the areas of Day Street, Greys Avenue, St James Street, Auckland Transport’s car park on Upper Queen Street and Wilson’s car park with access on Cross Street and Mercury Lane.

We will sometimes need to close loading bays during the work. We will work closely with businesses to ensure there are temporary loading bays or spaces provided to help deliveries arrive on time.

Business is open in the square

The businesses in and around Beresford Square will be open during our work. We are working one-on-one with each impacted business to keep them informed and prepared during the four years of construction. Pedestrian foot traffic will be restricted along the west side of Pitt St.

Pedestrians will have two options on Pitt Street:

1. Follow the pathway through the Square in the designated area along the fence/hoardings and see the work in progress or;
2. Cross the street at Karangahape Road or at Vincent Street and walk along the eastern side of Pitt Street.

Pedestrian traffic

Altering pedestrian movement is necessary to ensure the safety of everyone in the area as this is an active construction site with large equipment, trucks and workers. The lack of space and high volume of truck movements means that there is no safe way to keep direct pedestrian access open across the Square along Pit St. The pedestrian detour will be protected from traffic, accessible for all users and as short as possible to ensure public safety and support foot traffic for businesses.

Noise

We realise that construction can be disruptive and we are working closely with the Karangahape community to minimise disruption where we can. The main equipment being used includes concrete saws, hydro-excavation trucks, excavators and

six-wheeler trucks.

Work will comply with the construction noise and vibration standards for the project. Noise mats will be installed and we are monitoring for noise, dust and vibration.

Demolition well underway in Mercury Lane

Mercury Lane demolition is expected to be completed in early April in 2020. As you can see from our latest time lapse camera photo demolition is quickly moving along.



To minimise dust a portable water mister and water hoses are being used. Noise, vibration and air quality monitors are in place to ensure we stay within our consented limits.

All asbestos was removed ahead of schedule by a specialist company. This work was done in-line with strict national guidelines and did not pose a risk to people living or working nearby.

Where can I go for more information?

If you have any questions or concerns about these works, please email us at karangahape@linkalliance.co.nz or phone 0800 CRL TALK and press option 4 for Karangahape Station works.

Information and updates are also available online at www.CityRailLink.co.nz - including a page dedicated to Karangahape Station works www.cityraillink.co.nz/karangahape-station-works. You can also follow the CRL project on social media with Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and LinkedIn.

The Karangahape Info Hub previously located in the old Station Bar in Beresford Square will be open in one of the square shop sites in the New Year with a new schedule.