

SUMMER SEASON JOURNEYS



1 December 2014

Dear Resident,

We are writing to let you know about the Victoria Park Viaduct Upgrade project taking place between January and March 2015. Starting the evening of Monday 5 January, the Auckland Motorway Alliance will be replacing the barriers and lights on the viaduct. The viaduct will be closed to all traffic between 10pm and 5am every night for the work, except Friday and Saturday. We expect to complete the work by 18 March 2015.

To minimise the disruption to residents and maximise efficiency, both the lighting and barrier work crews will work under the same road closure. Work will start at the northern end of the viaduct and finish at the southern end and therefore noise is not expected to be concentrated in one area for an extended length of time.

To replace the old lights with new LED luminaires, crews will use a hiab (truck with a crane mounted on it) parked on the viaduct to access each light pole. All lights will be removed and replaced in the same evening to provide continuous lighting for drivers.

To replace the barriers, the existing pipe rail will be removed and replaced with curved steel guardrails. Temporary barriers installed at the end of each night will ensure there are no gaps in the guardrail for safety.

We will be monitoring noise levels throughout the project and keeping residents informed about progress as the work crews move from north to south along the viaduct. Please visit the website for more detailed information about noise management.

Some of the measures we may use to mitigate noise are:

- Using the quietest machinery and equipment where practically possible
- Checking machinery and equipment on a daily basis to ensure they are not generating unnecessary noise
- Fitting machinery with appropriate exhaust silencers and switching off when not required
- Using broadband reverse alarms in place of traditional pure tone “beepers”
- Locating plant and machinery in such a way that provides noise screening by interrupting the line-of-sight
- Localised acoustic screens that block the line-of-sight from the noisiest part of the machinery to the receiver as much as possible.

The overnight motorway closures to facilitate this work are part of the Summer Season Journeys campaign being delivered by the NZ Transport Agency. For more information about significant motorway closures between December 2014 and March 2015 please visit www.nzta.govt.nz/summerseason or call 09 969 9800.

Moving forward, we will keep you informed via the project website at www.nzta.govt.nz/vpv, letter drops and email updates. If you have any queries please contact us via our dedicated email address at vpv@nzta.govt.nz or our customer service team on 09 5200 200. If you prefer to receive email updates, you can sign-up on the website at www.nzta.govt.nz/vpv.

Yours Sincerely,

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