

An Accessible City – He Taone Wātea

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Central City
Anchor
Projects

An
Accessible
City



An artist's impression of what Manchester Street will look like when finished.

WHAT

An Accessible City is about making our central city accessible to all whether you travel by bus, car, cycle or on foot.

WHERE

The projects Ōtākaro is delivering are:

- Armagh and Colombo Streets, adjacent to Victoria Square
- Manchester Street, from Kilmore Street to Lichfield Street
- Durham Street and Cambridge Terrace, from Kilmore Street to Tuam Street
- Tuam Street, from Durham Street to Hagley Avenue, with parts of St Asaph, Antigua and Montreal Streets.

WHY

Christchurch people asked for pedestrian friendly city with green spaces and people-friendly areas for living, working and recreation through the Share an Idea campaign in 2011. An Accessible City is designed to deliver on that vision and to cater to the forecast growth in people travelling around the city.

HOW

Ōtākaro is taking the lead on An Accessible City projects that border key Anchor Projects that it is delivering.

WHEN

Some of these projects are already underway and are expected to finish between mid-2017 and mid-2018.

WHO ELSE IS INVOLVED?

Ōtākaro is responsible for four An Accessible City projects. The remaining projects are being delivered by the Christchurch City Council (CCC).

Downer is constructing three of these projects on behalf of CCC and Ōtākaro, and the other organisations involved: Environment Canterbury, NZ Transport Agency and Ngāi Tahu. For more information about these An Accessible City projects contact Downer on 0800 400 310.



Christchurch
City Council

New Zealand Government

Te Rūnanga o NGĀI TAHU

Environment
Canterbury
Regional Council
Kaunihera Taiao o Wairarapa

NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY
WAKA KOTAHU

An Accessible City will deliver:

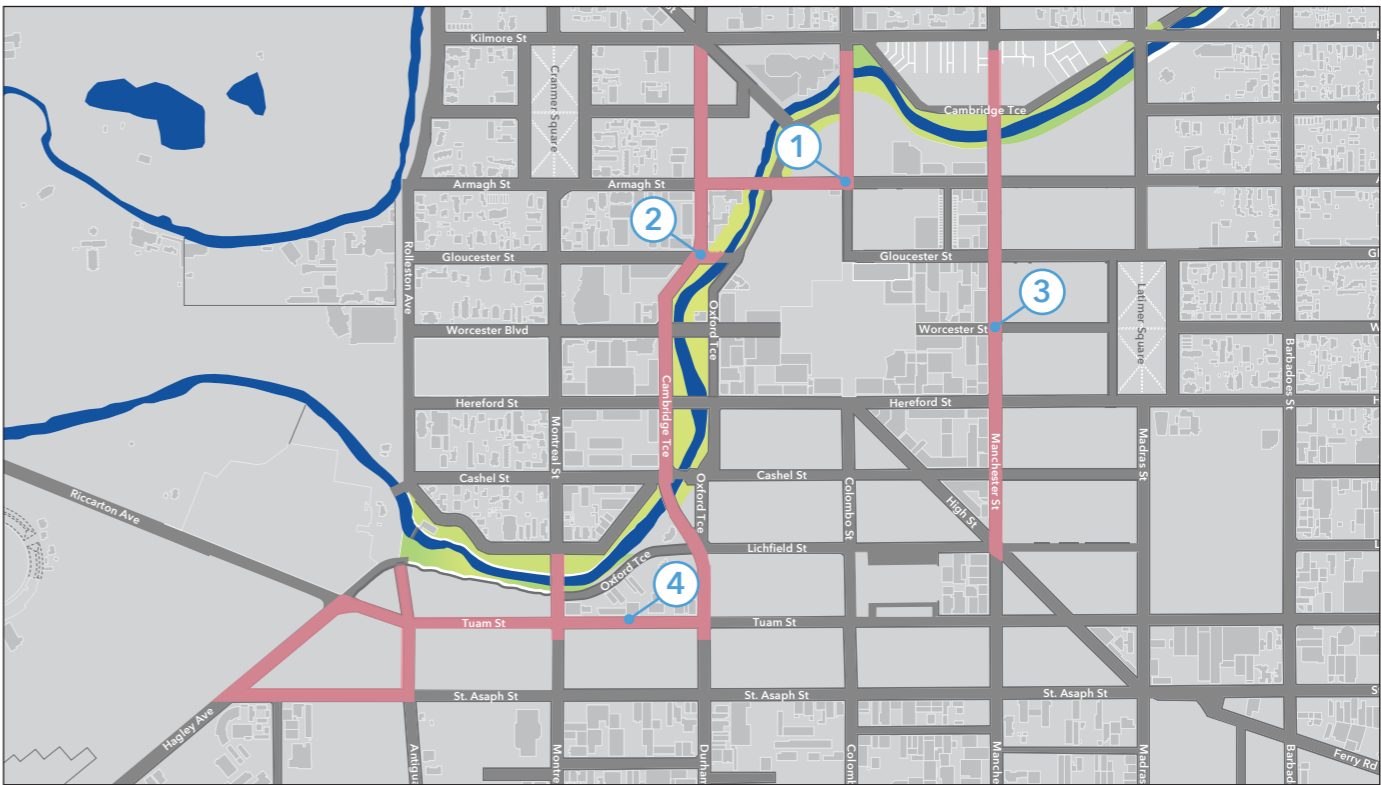
- A compact core with slow streets and people friendly spaces
- Separated cycleways on some key routes, complementing the city-wide cycle network
- Enhanced one-ways systems to help people get around the city more efficiently
- Repaired avenues to provide an improved arterial route around the outside of the central city
- A number of high quality bus stops (with shelters) at key areas to work in tandem with the new Bus Interchange.



ABOVE RIGHT Tom Hepi, Ōtakaro Health and Safety and Environment Manager on site.
 RIGHT An Accessible City work on Durham Street.
 BELOW LEFT An Accessible City signage to help people identify our sites.
 BELOW RIGHT An Accessible City work on Manchester Street.



An Accessible City projects being delivered by Ōtakaro



1 ARMAGH AND COLOMBO STREETS

ADJACENT TO VICTORIA SQUARE

- Stone paving will be installed along with additional pedestrian crossings.
- Trees and other landscaping will improve the streetscape.
- The street will be narrowed to give more space for pedestrians and cyclists, and for slow speed vehicle traffic.

2 DURHAM STREET AND CAMBRIDGE TERRACE

FROM KILMORE STREET TO TUAM STREET

- Two enhanced lanes of southbound traffic will remain.
- On-street parking will be available on the western side.
- A shared path for cyclists and pedestrians will be available next to the Ōtakaro/Avon River.

- Trees, landscaping and rain gardens (gardens which capture and filter stormwater flow from the street) will improve the streetscape and suit the slower speed environment.

3 MANCHESTER STREET

FROM KILMORE STREET TO LICHFIELD STREET, ADJACENT TO EAST FRAME

- The existing street will be widened by nine metres to create a tree-lined boulevard providing slower green spaces for pedestrians, cyclists, cars and buses.
- The boulevard will be prioritised for buses however, most of this section of Manchester Street will be single lane general purpose traffic in each direction. There will be a high quality bus stop between Gloucester and Hereford Streets.
- Trees, landscaping and rain gardens will add to the boulevard feel of the area.

4 TUAM STREET

FROM HOSPITAL CORNER TO DURHAM STREET

- Many of the initial changes to the city's new eastbound one-way route on the southern side of the central city are finished. The next stage will improve traffic flow and provide better cycle and pedestrian access to the city.
- The streetscape will be improved with additional trees and landscaping.
- High quality bus stops will be a major feature of the Health Precinct. This will improve the accessibility of the hospital and Metro Sport Facility.
- Some of the remaining work will be done once construction of the new hospital outpatients building at the corner of Antigua and Tuam Street is finished at the end of 2017.



An artist's impression of what Durham Street will look like when finished.

Business support

There is strong sense of progress in the central city. New buildings and places to gather are starting to join the businesses that returned to the central city soon after the earthquakes. There is always something new to look at and much to anticipate.

Ōtākaro understands that the process of building Anchor Projects can be stressful for businesses and road users. Working in front of businesses can make it hard for people to see the business. Construction may also result

in temporary parking reductions, limited access to parking, or the number of lanes available to traffic. Ōtākaro and its contractors seek to strike an appropriate balance between the needs of road users, businesses and building the projects safely and efficiently.

Ōtākaro encourages the people of Christchurch to keep supporting businesses in the central city affected by construction. At times it will be better for road users without business in the central city to use the four avenues to travel around the city as it will be quicker. This will also help central city businesses affected by road works to remain accessible to their customers.

CONTACT

For more information about these An Accessible City projects contact
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For information about the wider An Accessible City programme contact Christchurch City Council: 03 941 8999 or visit the Christchurch City Council website and search for “an accessible city.”

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