

Streets ahead in Ngatea

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Ngatea main street upgrade almost ready to roll

Two separate projects to upgrade the Ngatea main street will get rolling mid January 2020.

NZ Transport Agency is renewing the main highway, repairing the carparks, and surfacing with asphalt from kerb to kerb

We're upgrading the kerb and channel and replacing the footpaths

It's expected the NZTA part of the work will take about eight weeks. We'll be replacing the footpath in sections for about 20 weeks.

It's going to be a bumpy ride for a few months but when it's finished, the upgrade will breathe new life into the CBD and make us even more proud of our town.

Where we are heading

There are many things we have to do, before we can think about the nice-to-have things like gardens, seating and lighting.

We've had to be practical about our available budget and time constraints due to fitting in with the work NZ Transport Agency is doing to renew the road. It's important that we fit in alongside NZ Transport Agency

to minimise not only disruption but also the cost to our ratepayers.

Our first priority is the kerb and channel which is in poor condition and needs replacing. Kerb and channel is the concrete between the road and footpath. The channel portion carries storm water, while the kerb provides a visible (and physical) barrier between the road and footpath. We're also replacing the footpath.

NZ Transport safety engineers are working on plans for road and pedestrian safety. Once we've got the basics right, we'll look at options for more streetscape work and how it can be funded further down the track.

Put on your seatbelt

We're aware there will be disruption to local businesses and the community during construction and will do everything possible to minimise this. We'll work closely with businesses and schools that might be affected to find practical solutions to any problems. We'll promote affected businesses through our communication channels as much as we can so people know Ngatea is still "open for business". We'll keep you and the wider public well informed.

JOURNEY WITH US

Check out plans and displays at the council office.

Plans will also be on display at the Hauraki Plains Golf Course.

Come and chat with councillors and council staff at the council office:

- 3pm to 4pm Monday 16 December
- 6pm to 7pm Wednesday 18 December
- 10am to 11am Thursday 19 December

Send us your footpath design ideas and go in the draw to win a bumper beach box!

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