



Riccarton Road bus priority and infrastructure upgrade



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Infrastructure update



The wastewater manhole being constructed at the intersection of Darvel Street and Riccarton Road.

We are pleased to announce that the first stage of the upgrade work is complete.

This includes:

- the wastewater main from Deans Avenue to Darvel Street
- the water supply pipes to Darvel Street
- the Darvel Street wastewater pipe connection to the new wastewater main on Riccarton Road

The waste water main and water pipes have a design life of around 100 years.

Thanks to everyone along Riccarton Road that has been so patient while this work has taken place. Undertaking the water pipe work at the same time as the bus priority work means that

there is less disruption overall.

Next stage of work

The wastewater and water supply pipes will continue west along Riccarton Road to the railway line. Pits will be dug out to allow the pipes to be pushed underneath the railway and will continue to move towards Harakeke Street.



The replacement of the water pipes will progress in a similar way to the previous stages with with the traffic management moving from one side of the road to the other as work progresses. Please continue to bear with us during the next phase of work. We will keep disruption to a minimum.

A key feature of the section up to Harakeke Street is the new signalised pedestrian/cycle crossing to be installed at the railway line. This links with the [Northern Line Major Cycle Route](#) and will help people walking and biking safely cross Riccarton Road.

If you're concerned or have any questions about any aspect of the works please do not hesitate to give Downer a call on 0800 400 310.

Demonstration bus bike rack installed

A new innovation at Christchurch's Bus Interchange encourages people to try out placing their bike on a "front-of-bus" bike rack as an option for cycle commuters.



A demonstration bike rack has been installed at the interchange to give cyclists a stress-free environment for their first attempt at placing their bike on the bus bike rack, as agencies aim to encourage cycling in the central city.

[Read more here.](#)