

# Western Line Double tracking project



## Sturges Rd Station and replacement of Sturges Rd bridge

Work is well underway with the redevelopment of Sturges Rd station and duplication of the railway tracks.

This work is being carried out by ONTRACK as part of its Project DART Western Line Duplication project. A key part of the project - the replacement of the Sturges Road bridge is likely to start in autumn. The new bridge is needed to allow room for two rail tracks beneath the bridge and enough clearance for overhead wires when the network is electrified. The new bridge will also allow for improved traffic flows - it will have room for three traffic lanes and foot paths.

### Progress to date

If you use this road and the station you will have already noticed we have been busy. The new platform at Sturges Road station came into use in early January, and work on the second platform is underway. We are also making good progress with the earthworks and retaining walls needed along the corridor on either side of the bridge to get the extra width for the second track.

### Building the bridge

Building a new bridge on a busy road and over a busy rail corridor is a challenging project. Construction of the new bridge is being planned to minimise the disruption to both road and rail, but some traffic disruption is inevitable. Construction details and timelines are still being finalised, and there are some services attached to the bridge, such as telephone cables, that need to be relocated. We will send a further newsletter once these details are known to outline our plans for managing traffic while the new bridge is built.



### About the future bridge and road design

The new bridge will have provision for three traffic lanes and pedestrian paths. Initially Waitakere City Council was going to manage the bridge construction project. However a number of technical and cost issues have meant that ONTRACK has agreed to manage the bridge construction to enable completion of the double tracking between Henderson and Swanson later this year.

The council will continue to be responsible for the road works on either side of the bridge. One of the principal issues facing the council is that the new bridge will be both higher and wider than the old one, which impacts on the road leading up to the bridge.

ONTRACK is working closely with its designers and the council to minimise the height issues by also adjusting the track below the bridge. The council is continuing to work with affected residents over necessary changes to the road.

Feedback to the Sturges Road Bridge Community Liaison Group can be made to chairman David Hallett, by email: [hamtech@clear.net.nz](mailto:hamtech@clear.net.nz)

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For further information about roading issues associated with this project please ring: Council's Project Manager at Council's 24hr Call Centre **839 0400**.



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