

CENTRAL INTERCEPTOR BULLETIN

Miranda Reserve site

Miranda Reserve, 339-351 Blockhouse Bay Road, Blockhouse Bay

We're building the Central Interceptor, a super-sized wastewater tunnel to reduce overflows, creating a better environment for you to enjoy.

About the Miranda Reserve construction site

The Miranda Reserve shaft site is one of five sites along a connector tunnel, known as link sewer C. This tunnel will carry flows from the Western Interceptor tunnel into the main Central Interceptor tunnel at our May Road site. The site is located at the eastern end of the Miranda Reserve, where the playground is located, and our vehicles will come into it from Blockhouse Bay Road.

At this site we are building a shaft where we will lower a tunnel boring machine (TBM), half the size of the main project machine. At a depth of 14m below ground, this 2.4m diameter 'micro' TBM will begin tunnelling to our pump station site at the western end of the Reserve and also to our Whitney Street shaft site.

What you will notice

The temporary construction works at the Miranda Reserve shaft site will take approximately 21 months. Unfortunately, the shaft is located in the centre of the playground area. The existing equipment will be safely removed and transported to be rehomed at a school outside Auckland that doesn't currently have a playground. As for a replacement playground, Watercare is consulting with Auckland Council and community groups in the area. We are exploring what kind of play-space can be made available, both in the short term and permanently.

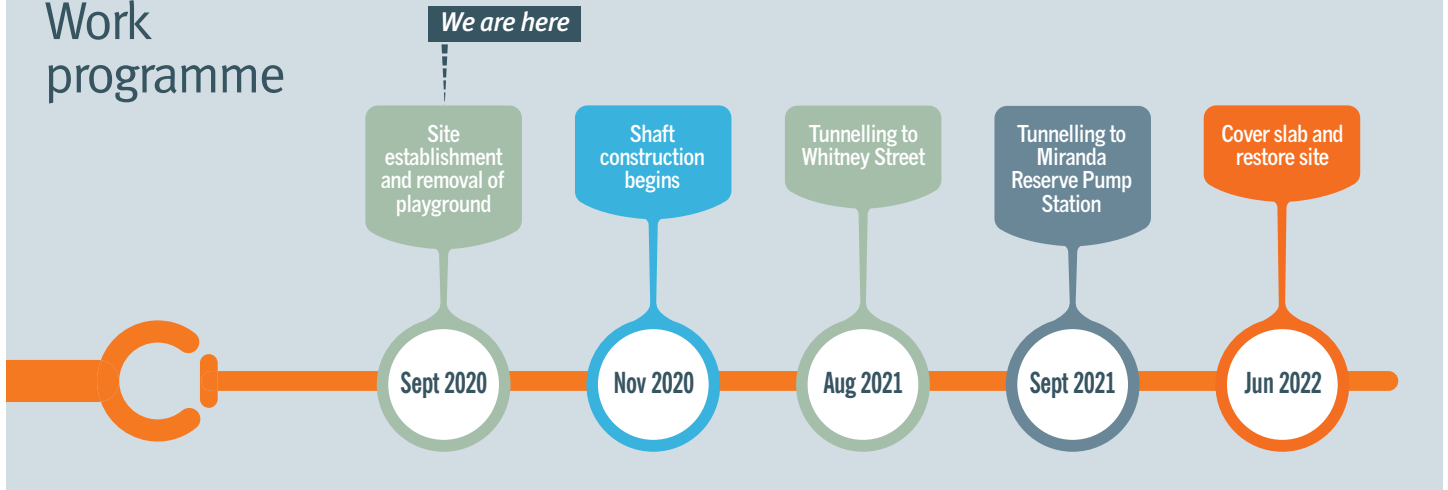
We will begin setting up the site in late September. This includes levelling the ground, installing a small site office, boundary fencing and noise walls. Tree trimming will be the only vegetation work required.

The main construction will include excavating and preparing the shaft for tunnelling.

There will be no access to Miranda Reserve from Blockhouse Bay Road as the walkway will be closed for safety. A sealed walkway will be built for alternative access off Miranda Street. In terms of traffic management, a stop-go system will initially and operate during the day. Pedestrians will be escorted past the site for their safety. There will be changes to the road layout as works progress and we will keep you informed.



Work programme



Working with you

We understand that construction sites for major projects such as the Central Interceptor can be disruptive and noisy at times. We aim to be a good neighbour while we are working in your area and will work to minimise disruption, where we can.

We will keep you informed with what's happening with regular communications. We will be out and about in the neighbourhood during the works to keep in contact about how the work is progressing.

How will construction affect you?

- General work hours will be between 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, and 8am to 6pm on Saturdays. There may be times where unexpected ground conditions or certain activities e.g. critical concrete pours, may require us to work past the general work hours. This will comply with Auckland Council's permit rules.
- At times traffic management may need to operate outside these hours to keep road users safe.
- Construction projects such as these often generate noise and vibration, which you may experience if you are at home during work hours. We undertake careful planning and monitoring in accordance with Council requirements. We use noise barriers and fencing to minimise general construction noise wherever possible.
- Traffic management will be in place for the safety of motorists, pedestrians, cyclists and workers e.g. crossings moved to safe zone. Stop go measures will be used as needed.
- Access to driveways will be maintained.
- Truck movements will be limited Monday to Friday during school terms between 8:15am and 9:15am and 2:45pm and 3:15pm.

Meet the Contractor

Due to Covid 19 restrictions we are unable to hold a 'meet the contractor' event before we set up the site. Keep an eye on your letterbox for an invitation in the near future. This community event is an opportunity to come and find out more about the project, how we will work with you while we are in the neighbourhood, and discuss the Miranda Reserve construction activities.

Any questions?

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