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Upcoming roading and stormwater upgrades on Fitzherbert Avenue

We're letting you know about construction work along Fitzherbert Avenue over the coming weeks.

This includes road repairs at the signalised intersection of Fitzherbert and Te Awe Awe Streets, as well as an upgrade to the stormwater network from the Fitzherbert Bridge to Hughes Avenue opposite Fitzherbert Park. We'll also be repairing some handrails on the Fitzherbert Bridge and doing some small patches of road repairs on Fitzherbert Avenue between Te Awe Awe Street and Ferguson Street.

Check over the page for a map of the worksites.

We've coordinated these two projects to cause the least amount of disruption possible. The water upgrade will start on Monday 7 April, while the roading repairs will take place in May, with both projects to be complete by the end of June.

Please share this information with anyone who uses this route, including schoolchildren, commuters, customers and people on bikes who may need to adjust their travel plans.

Why are we doing this work?

- **Intersection repairs:** The road surface at the Fitzherbert/Te Awe Awe intersection is failing due to water damage, causing slumping tyre tracks. We need to repair the intersection before winter to avoid any further damage.
- **Stormwater upgrade:** The existing stormwater pipes are small, which makes the area prone to flooding during heavy rain. We'll be increasing the size of these pipes to improve drainage.
- **Fitzherbert Bridge handrail replacement:** In May, we'll also be replacing some handrails on the Fitzherbert Bridge.
- **Road repairs:** Small sections of road need to be repaired between Te Awe Awe Street and Ferguson Street. These will take 1 or 2 days each and will involve a lane closure at each site. These will be done from 9am to 3pm to avoid peak traffic hours.

Work schedule:

- **Stormwater upgrades will start on Monday, 7 April** – and will be carried out by our Council water team during weekdays.
- **Roading upgrades will start in May** shortly after water work begins. This will be carried out by our road maintenance contractor, Fulton Hogan. This will consist of a mix of day and night work. Most work will take place overnight from 6pm to 6am to keep the road functional during the day. Noisy work will take place in the early hours of each shift. Some work needs to take place during the day, such as resealing as it requires warmer temperatures.

Traffic management:

- **Fitzherbert Avenue will have a temporary traffic layout**, with the four vehicle lanes shifted and separated by flexi-poles to provide a safe workspace for water pipe installation and to reduce the number of traffic cones.
- Footpaths will remain open, but the **cycle lanes will be closed**. People on bikes heading into town will be detoured via the river pathway or Victoria Esplanade (depending on the location of the worksite) and bikes heading to Summerhill will be detoured via Hughes Avenue.
- **On-street parking will be removed** within the affected area to enable the new road layout.
- The **Fitzherbert/Te Awe Awe intersection will remain operational during the day**, though speeds will be reduced as parts of the road will be unsealed at times. If Fulton Hogan are working during the day, the intersection will be kept open to one lane while they work on the other lane.
- The entrance to Victoria Esplanade off Fitzherbert Avenue will remain open, except for about two days while we upgrade the pipes running beneath it.

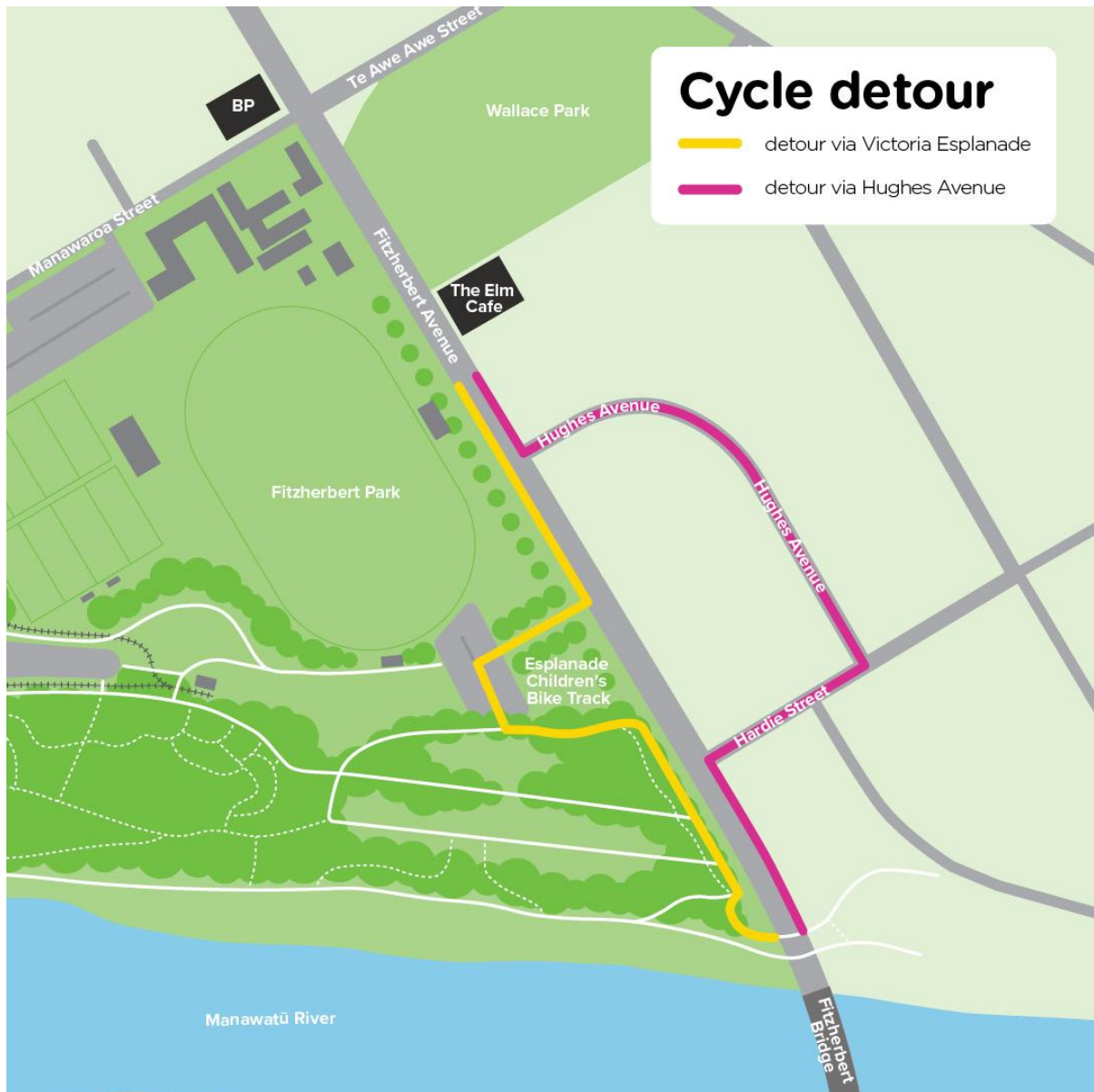
We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we improve our infrastructure for everyone.

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This map shows the worksites and extent of the new road layout.



This map shows the cycling detour.