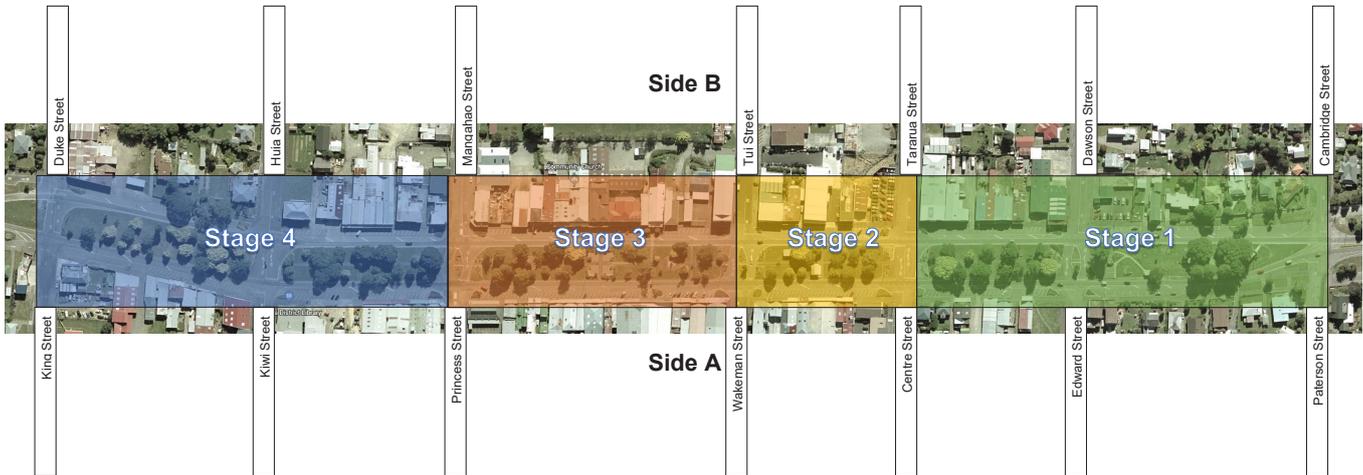


PAHIATUA TOWN CENTRE UPGRADE

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ABOVE: Staging for underground construction.

Pahiatua Town Centre Upgrade is progressing well

With Stage One of the Pahiatua Town Centre Upgrade due to be completed by 17 December, Project Manager Stuart Malins is pleased with progress.

Stage One of Phase 1 began on September 2, with the underground work on the project, commencing at the northern edge of town. This underground work includes replacing the sewer and water mains on both sides of Main Street, between Duke and Cambridge Streets. Stormwater upgrades are also being carried out on both sides of Main Street.

The work commenced after four years of thinking, talking and planning and Pahiatua On Track chairwoman Louise Powick said it was an exciting time, with the plans delivering something outstanding for Pahiatua.

The Town Centre Upgrade is designed to

create a safer, more accessible, attractive and vibrant street environment, as well as future-proofing Pahiatua's Main Street for growth, development and investment.

Malins said Stage Two of the upgrade, installing the sewer line, was 30 per cent complete in the first section of work, with Council's water team also undertaking chlorination and testing work.

"Work on reinstating the urban kerb and channelling and driveways is 90 per cent complete, with top soil to go down and asphalt to be laid," he said. "We hope to have this work completed by mid-December, weather permitting."

With the next phase of work closer to Pahiatua's retail area Malins said he's aware this will be an inconvenience for business owners and operators.

"Shopkeepers will be more involved in Stage Two in the New Year as a lot more work will be carried out on the footpaths, more than in Stage One," he said. "This will be a complex stage of the upgrade, with another three contractors, Chorus, Powerco and Inspire Net, working to future-proof services."

And while Malins is pleased with the progress, there have been concerns about people moving and removing the cones in the work areas. Malins said on Sunday's workers have discovered cones thrown around, which could result in an accident. An accident could lead to a prosecution and Malins is urging residents to report any interference they see to the District Council.

Work over the holiday season

Workers will be on-site until 17 December, at which time they will cease works and tidy the site up for the holiday season. Work will commence after the Christmas/New Year break on January 7.

How you can find information about the Town Centre Upgrade

In person: Toolbox meetings with the Project Team will be a way to get everyone on the same page about the construction works.

The meetings will provide an opportunity for people to gather information, ask questions and give feedback.

Meetings will be held on the first Monday morning of every month from 8am to 8.30am in the Pahiatua Service Centre (136 Main Street).

Online: www.taruadc.govt.nz/projects

Facebook: www.facebook.com/taruadc

In print: The Tararua District Council publishes a full-page in the Bush Telegraph every week and project updates and news regarding the upgrade will be published here as they are made available.

Hard-copy: Hard-copies of project updates can be picked up from the Pahiatua Service Centre, Pahiatua Library or Pahiatua Information Centre

If you have an urgent enquiry you can call 06 376 0110 and ask to speak to a member of the project team.