



Dunedin to Port Chalmers Safety Improvements project



Reclamation just north of where the current path ends at St Leonards

Work is moving at pace at several different sites on the SH88 Safety Improvements project – the most visible change being the final 5km section of the shared path from St Leonards to Port Chalmers starting to take shape.

At both Sawyers Bay and Mussel Bay, preparations are underway to accommodate new sleepers and rail track that will be installed by June next year on a new rail alignment.

At St Leonards, groundwork preparations are happening ahead of the main trunk line shifting on to a new alignment in September/October 2021.

All H-piles to carry the shared path through the Roseneath cutting have been installed and the first pre-cast panels should be arriving onsite for installation before the end of this year.

Rock armoring associated with reclamation work at Sawyers Bay and Mussel Bay is expected to be finished around the same time.



Before and after images of harbour reclamation work at Mussel Bay near Port Chalmers



In Port Chalmers, boardwalk units are being produced. These will carry the shared path over sections of the harbour along the shared path route. Other work on the go includes reclamation fill and rock armour placement at Burkes Lagoon alongside SH88.

Project benefits

- A safe and attractive alternative route for pedestrians and cyclists to SH88 – a busy freight route between Dunedin and Port Chalmers.
- Better cycling links between Port Chalmers, West Harbour, Dunedin and the Otago Peninsula.
- Encourage more Port Chalmers and West Harbour residents to take up walking and cycling to commute to and from Dunedin.
- Contribute to a well-connected transport system for Dunedin, offering people safe and convenient travel choices.



Burkes Lagoon reclamation work

Interesting project facts

- 600m of boardwalk around Blanket Bay.
- 70,000m³ of rock was required for reclamation work – enough to fill Dunedin's Moana Pool 60 times.
- 210 lights along the path.
- 78 H-piles to support the shared path through the SH88 Roseneath cutting.
- 2400m of rail track to be realigned.

Improving highway safety

Rural sections of SH88 have been identified as areas where safety can be significantly improved by fitting roadside barriers. Other safety improvements will see an upgrade of the SH88/Finch Street intersection, and the application of high visibility road markings that are easier for drivers to see at night and in wet weather. Work on these safety upgrades start in the new year. All these measures will help reduce the severity of crashes, particularly those where drivers leave the highway and crash into the Otago Harbour.



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St Leonards/Port Chalmers shared path features

- A 5km long, safe, well lit and modern 3-metre-wide path.
- Safe and convenient links to adjacent communities.
- Security fencing to protect path users on sections of path near the rail line.
- Boardwalk on several hundred metres of the shared path around the edge of the harbour between St Leonards and Roseneath.
- An elevated section of path to safely carry cyclists and pedestrians above a narrow section of SH88 through the Roseneath cutting.