



# SH88 Dunedin to Port Chalmers

## Safety improvements project



The safety and convenience of an uninterrupted cycling route from Dunedin to Port Chalmers will be a reality in the next two months, when the 5km St Leonards to Port Chalmers shared path opens.

The \$50m off-highway walking and cycling route project is an investment in safer infrastructure to support New Zealand's Road to Zero vision where no one dies or is seriously injured on our roads.

### Te Aka Ōtākou - The Otago Vine

Dunedin's shared 'port to port' path linking Port Chalmers to Portobello on the opposite side of the Otago Harbour now has an official name. It's Te Aka Ōtākou. This was gifted by Kāi Tahu raketira Tahu Potiki for the entire port to port cycleway. Te Aka (The Vine) refers to the winding path of the cycleway itself and Ōtākou (the harbour) as the central thing to cling to.

As well as Te Aka Ōtākou, Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou also gifted names for each side of the harbour. The northern or State Highway 88 trail will be known as Te Ara Moana (The Ocean Path), while the eastern or Otago Peninsula trail is Te Awa Ōtākou (The Otago River). Te Ara Moana refers to the direction of the tide as it flows out of the harbour towards the ocean. Te Awa Ōtākou refers to the flow of the tide into the harbour and towards the city.



### St Leonards

Highway widening shown above has freed up the space for right turn bays into both Moa and Pukeko Streets. Crossing the highway from the shared path to St Leonards will be safer with the installation of a pedestrian refuge.

This completed section of path through St Leonards sits on a 970m long retaining wall bringing the shared path to the same height as the highway, making it safer for people cross the road from the shared path to St Leonards. Work is underway installing a balustrade separating the path from the railway line along with a roadside edge barrier between the path and highway traffic, will keep path users safe.

## Blanket Bay

Lighting shown on the barriers of the Blanket Bay board walk will be operating before the St Leonards to Port Chalmers path opens to the public.



## Roseneath/Sawyers Bay

**Below:** A birds-eye view of an area on the left of the shared path at Roseneath where landscaping is poised to start. The District Road to Sawyers Bay section of path is now asphalted. Once this project is completed, a large flat graveled area opposite the main road into Sawyers Bay will become a car park.





*New edge barrier installation at the Port Chalmers end of SH88*

## Port Chalmers

Work has been completed on the large timber retaining walls that are a feature on the final section of the shared path from Mussel Bay to Port Chalmers.

### All is not what it seems

Parts of the path look finished, but do not be deceived. Crews are still working in all areas. Structures within these sections of path, such as retaining walls and bridges, still need checking to ensure they are safe for people to use. The path cannot be opened until all the safety sign-off processes are completed. For your own safety do not use the path until then.

Once it's officially opened, the new 5km shared path from St Leonards to Port Chalmers Shared Path will be managed by Dunedin City Council.

### Thank you for your patience

We appreciated the tolerance shown by regular SH88 users, especially the Port Chalmers and West Harbour Communities, of on-going road works essential to making the St Leonards to Port Chalmers Shared path a reality.

## More Info

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## Did you know?

- About half of the new **5.2km** shared path is possible because of new retaining walls.
- **Two hundred lights** will keep people safe at night on the new St Leonards to Port Chalmers path.
- **250 boardwalk piles** support the 600m long board walk carrying the path around the edge of Blanket Bay.
- Over **3,000 plants** will be used for landscaping.
- People have ample space to walk or bike on a three-metre-wide sealed path.
- Around **4,500m of fencing** will keep cyclists and walkers safe from the nearby rail line.
- Pedestrian crossing points are provided for people to safely cross SH88 from the shared path to adjacent West Harbour communities.
- Most of the shared path structures use renewable timber that produces **fewer carbon emissions** than steel or concrete.
- Roadside safety barriers have been installed to separate the path from vehicles and to reduce the severity of crashes on SH88.
- High-performance road markings on rural sections of SH88 will be easier for drivers to see at night and in wet weather.

