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Aro Valley area water works update

Dear Resident

We've recently been in touch with you about work we're undertaking on an underground stormwater chamber in Aro Street.

The chamber is old and at risk of collapse, so we intend to make it stronger. At the same time, it's been gradually filling up with rocks and gravel from streams that feed into the stormwater pipe. This increases the risk of flooding, so we wanted to clear it before the winter rainfall.

Initially, to ensure our people's safety, we planned to carry out the strengthening work before the cleaning. This would take up to 12 weeks, and result in closing one lane of Aro Street near the Polhill Reserve entrance for much of that time.

We've now been able to make the chamber safe enough to carry out the cleaning first, which allows us to delay the strengthening work. This means the lane closure in Aro Street this May should only be for a week or two.

We'll return in Summer 2018/19 when the weather is better and traffic lighter, to carry out the strengthening work. We'll need to close one lane again, but the impact should be less, and that should reduce traffic delays and costs. We will communicate the actual dates when they are confirmed.

In addition, deferring the replacement work until early next year will allow us to monitor how effective our traffic management and suggested detours are, ahead of the longer lane closure.

We apologise that our communications weren't clear about this from the start. We had planned to carry out the strengthening work immediately, but a more detailed investigation of the chamber's condition gave us this new option, which should minimize the inconvenience.

Holloway Road

The work to replace drinking water pipes on Holloway Road has begun and is expected to take a further five weeks. During this period the road will remain closed to general traffic, from Brosnahan Terrace to the south end of Holloway Road. Residents in the closed area and emergency services vehicles will have access at all times. Parking may be restricted for periods on Holloway Road but we will work with you to find alternative spaces. Hours of work will be 7am-6pm, Monday to Saturday.

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Mortimer Terrace

The road closure and detour in Mortimer Terrace and Epuni Street area for the wastewater pipe renewals has now ended. The final part of this project, lining an existing pipeline and installing a new manhole, will be carried out on land behind properties on Mortimer Terrace. But this will not require road closures.

We will continue to provide regular updates on these projects and others on our website www.wellingtonwater.co.nz or Facebook www.facebook.com/wellingtonwater/. Thank you for your understanding as we work to improve water networks in our city.

Yours faithfully

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