

# RoadRave@pncc

- an update from City Networks Roding staff

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## Roding Staff embrace "Movember"



Roding staff were more than fairly represented in PNCC's 'Movember' effort!

## Airport Drive Plans progressing ....

Planning is well under way for the connecting roadway between Railway Road to Airport Drive. This new connection will provide a strong link in the arterial roding network, and Roding staff are working with the Airport Company to ensure its construction.

Once completed, there will be a continuous route from JF Kennedy Drive right through to Railway Road, providing an additional cross-city link. The road will be four lanes for its entire length.

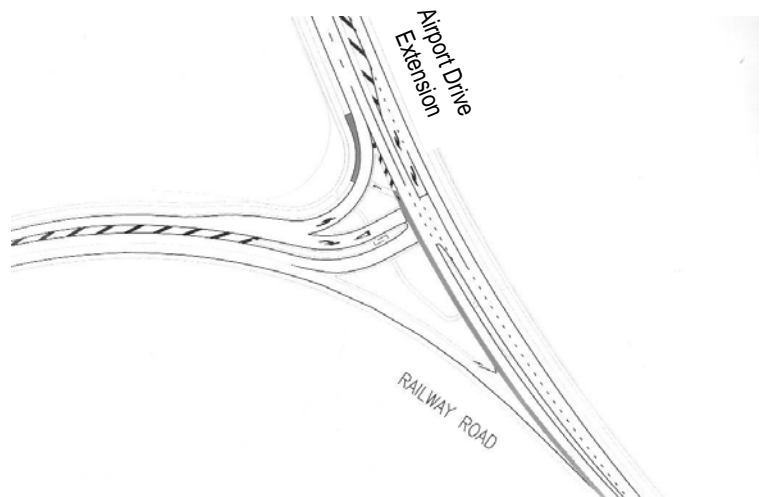
At this stage a construction date has not been finalised as the project requires a zoning change, and this is being worked through by city planners at the moment.

## Signals for ring road intersection

Transit New Zealand is about to begin the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Grey and Princess Streets. This will address pedestrian and cycling issues in the area, as well as making access to and from the ring road easier for those using the eastern end of Grey Street.

The design will include additional pedestrian facilities both at the signals and on Carroll Street.

Construction is expected to commence in January 2008.



## Concrete roads have advantages

In a joint venture with PNCC, Allied Concrete have laid a concrete roadway in Setters Line to demonstrate the benefits of using pavement for roads. Concrete roadways have a number of advantages for heavily trafficked areas. Their long term durability, and resistance to damage by heavy commercial traffic when turning or braking, offer an alternative to asphalt.

When using high early strength cement in warm temperatures, the roadway can be used by traffic after 3 days, which means the concrete can be poured on a Friday morning and the road opened to traffic on the Monday morning.



## Adam Thompson Infrastructure & Projects Engineer

Another recent UK recruit, Adam Thompson was born and raised in London, England, and attended Hertfordshire University studying Civil Engineering. On receiving his degree, he worked for an engineering contractor on projects like motorway refurbishment and tunnel construction.

In 1992 he signed up with the Hertfordshire County Council and was involved with the £2M refurbishment of the town centre of Radlett - a small town within the County boundaries. Retailing in the town was quite depressed and the upgrade was designed to bring the area back to life. Though many in the area questioned the need for the project and its related expense, the payback started immediately and now there is not a single shop empty. The project was a success both as an engineering exercise and environmentally. As resident engineer responsible for project managing the work, Adam was involved in everything from design inception, a considerable amount of consultation with a variety of parties, through to overseeing completion of the scheme, and monitoring its success or otherwise after work had finished. Adam also has experience in managing highway maintenance programmes and assessing new buildings, office blocks and hotels re the impact they would have on local highways.

Having lived all his life in or near London, he and his wife Linda had a desire for a change of lifestyle - an escape from the rat race. Rather than the small urban garden that London offers, Adam and Linda are on the look out for a lifestyle block which will provide an environment in which their daughter Phoenix can experience New Zealand's healthy outdoor lifestyle - and in particular, horse riding! He hasn't been here long, but when asked what was the most noticeable difference between his work in the UK and working for the Roding Unit in Palmy, he said "morning tea breaks" and "lunch breaks" and "afternoon tea breaks". Apparently, these are a thing of the past in the UK!!!!



The latest stage in the long awaited four laning of Rangitikei Street is now a reality.

## “Flash Wide New Pavement!”



Much positive feedback has been received to the widening of the footpath from the Civic Admin Building to the corner of Church Street. Burnsie likes it so much he's been giving away vouchers to Café Express!

After Christmas the project will continue along the Square to the Main Street roundabout, and then down the other side of the road outside PNCC's Customer Service Centre.

## What's happening over the holiday period

During December-January roading construction work will be carried out in the following areas:

- ❖ Botanical Road-Pioneer Highway Intersection and surrounds
- ❖ Grey Street/Princess Street traffic signal installation
- ❖ James Line reconstruction continues
- ❖ Annual reseal programme of the city's roads has been tendered to Higgins Construction and will be carried out over the summer months.

It will be business as usual during the holiday period for Roding with the unit open every business day. Contact should be made in the normal way via the Call Centre.

In the meantime, Graeme and his staff wish everyone .....



Drive Safely!

