



Change of Road to one way System

Wakatu Quay from Esplanade to Lower Ward Street is going to be changed into a one-way system where vehicles will travel from the Esplanade end to Lower Ward. Lower Ward will remain a two-way Street.



When will this happen?

Works will start late May to change the road layout this will include line marking, and installation of new signage. The change will go live on the 5th of June 2024. The major roading works are not occurring until early 2025. All works will be undertaken using the existing road.

How will this affect you?

Once the new changes have taken place the road will officially become a one-way street and subsequently all vehicle movements will have to follow the new road direction.

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Some potential Questions and Answers

Question: Why is the one-way system change occurring?

Answer: A large amount of the current road reserve is privately owned, and they wish to develop the land. A previous resource consent requirement for them was to provide Kaikōura District Council with a notice period which they now have. A part of this agreement was that KDC would change the road to a one-way system.

Question: Is it not possible to keep the road two way?

Answer: at the narrowest point the road is too narrow to have two lanes as well a footpath as the road boundaries with the coastal marine area.

Question: How long will it be a one way system?

Answer: The change will be permanent, there may be some minor changes once the road is upgraded to accommodate the Wakatu Quay development.

Question: How can the public provide feedback on the change

Answer: The public can email submissions to operations@kaikoura.govt.nz. Feedback will be open for 4 weeks after the changes have been undertaken.