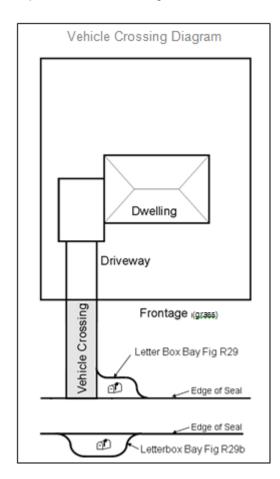


Vehicle Access to Your Property - Rural

What is a vehicle crossing?

A vehicle crossing is where your driveway crosses the footpath and street frontage.



Why do I need a vehicle crossing onto my property?

The Local Government Act 1974 (s335) requires people who wish to take a vehicle from the road onto their property must do so by the use of a properly constructed vehicular crossing.

Rural accessway (vehicle crossing) requirements

- Rural accessways are not permitted to be constructed within 60 metres of an intersection on an arterial road and 30 metres on a local or collector road.
- The distance between rural accessways is to be at least 200 metres on an arterial road and 100 metres on all other roads.
- The minimum required sight distance is to be 250 metres for an arterial road and 160 metres for all other roads.
- Where the road is sealed, the accessway is to be sealed for a distance of 5 metres back from the road seal.
- Single accessways to be 4.5 metres minimum width. Two-way accessways to be 6.0 metres minimum in width. Accessways to be constructed to Fig. R28, R28B or Fig. R29.
- Residential rural accessways require a letterbox bay formed to council standards Fig. R29 or R29B.

 The Property owner is responsible to ensure that the accessway does not restrict existing drainage.
 Council will advise pipe sizes where over existing drainage ditches.

Installing, extending or replacing a vehicle crossing

If you are installing, extending or replacing a vehicle crossing you will need to contact a Council approved contractor. The contractor will be able to give you a quote for the work, and will contact the Council on your behalf (to obtain permission to carry out any work that is required). Only contractors approved by the Council can carry out work on a public road.

Reasons why only approved contractors can install and replace a vehicle crossing

- Public safety is important and pedestrians and other users of the road must be protected. Contractors have special health and safety and traffic flow training to ensure that worksites are safe.
- Contractors must carry Public Liability Insurance to insure against damage claims.
- Underground services like power and telephone cables are in the road frontage/footpath and these must be avoided and protected. If a cable is hit you risk electrocution or disruption to the service.
- Council must make sure that all work within the road frontage meets an acceptable standard and is safely completed.

Approved contractors

AG Hoffman	(03) 215 9159
 BB Contractors 	(03) 218 2364
 Bond Contracts Ltd 	(03) 218 7007
 Crooks Contracting Ltd 	027 215 9955
Central Western Roading	027 699 8976
Colin Thwaites Contracting Ltd	027 213 0774
Dig It Earthmoving	027 535 0406
Downer NZ	(03) 218 2963
Fulton Hogan Southland	(03) 211 6000
Geoff Timpany Contracting	027 263 5796
Jim Bates Contractor	(03) 215 9921
Jurassic Contracting	027 228 9435
Matt Johnston Contracting Ltd	027 6607707
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Noel McIntyre Drainage Noel Tierran Control of the Contro	
S J Timpany Contracting	027 672 4199
South Roads	(03) 211 1000
 Supreme Site Works 	027 242 7223
 The Roading Co 	0274 333 166
 Wilson Contracting Ltd (Waimatua) 	027 659 8066
 Wilson Contractors (2003) Ltd 	(03) 2168 460

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If you need help, contact the Invercargill City Council's Engineering Services Group during normal business hours: phone (03) 211 1777 or email eng.services@icc.govt.nz.