



New Plymouth's newest section of roadway slowly wends its way west, past the Centre City shopping centre. The roadway will eventually pass over a new bridge before joining St Aubyn St at the area indicated by the arrow.

Goodbye Molesworth St extension — hello St Aubyn St.

The New Plymouth City Council has decided to rename the new street that will run alongside the new Centre City shopping centre.

This roadway, due for completion by October, has up until now been known as the Molesworth St extension because it will extend Molesworth St westwards to connect with St Aubyn St outside the Lion Tavern.

But in an effort to avoid confusion, the council has renamed the extension St Aubyn St — which means St Aubyn St runs eastwards to the Liardet St intersection, where it becomes Molesworth St.

City engineer Brian Davey says the name change is to prevent confusion at the Liardet intersection.

"We figured it may cause some problems to signpost a street that only runs a little distance to the west before it turns

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into St Aubyn St," he says.

St Aubyn St now runs to its intersection with Currie St before it changes its name to Gill St. When the link is complete, the area of roadway from the Lion Tavern to Brougham St will disappear — and the portion that runs from Brougham St to Currie St will be renamed Ariki St.

Work is progressing well on the Molesworth St extension — sorry, St Aubyn St — with the roadway sealed from Liardet St to the Huatoki Stream, and kerbing and channelling now being poured on the other side.

A new bridge over the Huatoki is also nearing completion. A total of 22 precast decking beams are due to be installed on Monday, backfilling will then take place, and the remainder of the roadway sealing will begin.

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