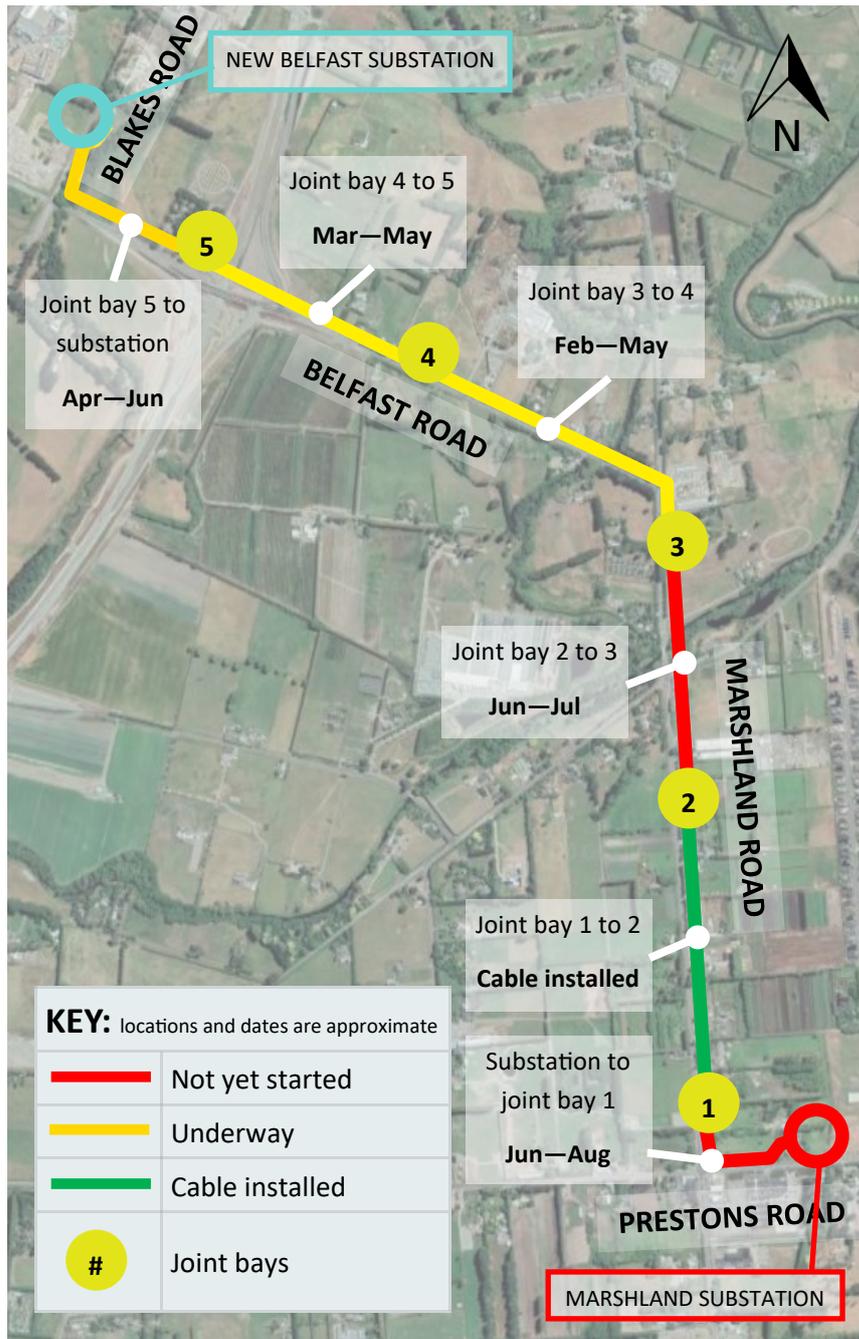


66kV power cable installation: progress update

What	Installing a new underground 66kV power cable and building a new substation
Where	Between a new Belfast Substation in Blakes Road and the Marshland Substation
When	From Monday 15 February 2021 until early 2022
Why	To increase the capacity and resilience of the electricity network in the area



What are we doing?

Orion is installing a new 66kV underground power cable between Blakes Road and Prestons Road.

This new cable will connect the local supply to a new substation we’re building in Blakes Road. The work will increase the capacity and resilience of the local electricity network to better serve the needs of this growing area.

How work is going

Work is going well, even with high levels of groundwater filling our trenches in many areas.

Timing changes

Please refer to the map, left, for the revised timings of when we expect to start and finish work in each area.

We’re working closely with the teams building the new Styx Mill Bridge. As a result, we hope to be able to install our cable across the new bridge sooner than anticipated.

We’re also talking to the Prestons Park developer to see if an additional

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entrance to this subdivision might be possible. We've shuffled around our plan of work to delay starting on Prestons Road to provide for this, if it can happen.

Community feedback

Many people have taken the time to let us know how our work is affecting their daily travel round the area. We appreciate how disruptive the project is, and have made a number of changes to ease the pressure where we can. These include:

- Changing our one-way system on Belfast Road to **provide access from Belfast to the motorway on-ramp**
- **Doing additional inspection work along Prestons Road.** This helped us understand where all the possible challenges are when trenching between the Marshland substation and our first joint bay, and helped us to further define our programme of work on Prestons Road.
- **Juggling our programme of work to** reduce the time for the planned one-way system on Prestons Road to eight weeks, down from the original three months.
- **Delaying our start date on Prestons Road until June,** to give time to consider options for alternative access to Prestons Park.
- **Expanding our planned Work Notice delivery area** for the Prestons Road work to include all of Prestons, Prestons Park, Waitikiri and The Limes subdivisions. This will ensure more of those impacted are aware of what's happening.

First cables installed

We're making good progress with the project and on Friday, 26 March, we laid our first cables down Marshland Road.

Each of the three cables are 100mm diameter, and weigh 15.4kg per metre.

There will be a total of three x 4.1kms of cable laid.



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We'll deliver more information and regular updates about the cable installation to letterboxes along the cable installation route.

Please visit the **Major projects—Powering up Belfast** page on our website for up-to-date information or to sign up to receive regular e-newsletter updates.

If you would like more information, please contact our **Customer Support** team on **0800 363 9898, day or night.**

We understand our work may be inconvenient and disruptive for you.

Thank you for your patience while we complete this important work.