

Imminent Interchange



The complex shapes of the bus-rail interchange between Wellington's railway station and its bus platforms is providing access for commuters within modern and pleasant surroundings.

Mainworks, which won two stages of the competitively tendered project, is progressively making the Wellington City Council-funded facility open to the public. The first stage included the expansion and refurbishment of the underground tunnel leading from the station while the second stage has included the construction of two new

terminus buildings along with multiple canopies and platform shelters.

Carefully detailed steel structures and large expanses of glass feature in both the canopies and terminus buildings, while the buildings also combine timber ceiling panels and colourful ceramic tiles to create a visually rich and dynamic space. The complex building shape and multitude of angles and intersections meant that the site team and their subcontractors had to take particular care in the set-out and preparation. A high level of attention was also necessary with the

steelwork to ensure the various components met exactly and delivered the desired lines.

One of the bus controllers told the site team during the project that when he was employed in 1963 he was told the bus-rail interchange was "imminent". Forty years on, just as he is set to retire, it is finally a reality.

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