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Kia ora koutou,

Please see below for updates on the State Highway network and recovery work.

Updates on the State Highway network as at 24/5/23 include:

State Highway 35:

- This week's wet weather has caused safety issues for welding, which has impacted the critical path.
- Hikuwai Bailey bridge parts have started to arrive and there are seven welders on site.
- Piling gates are being set-up today; piling of pier A and B has been completed, and piling of pier C is expected to start today.
- Pavement works are ahead of programme on the northern side. The bridge launch pad/area will be started this week.

State Highway 2 North of Gisborne:

- Asphalt work on SH2 Gisborne to Waioeka Gorge is due to start in mid-late June. This work will operate under night closures from June to September. The programme is currently being finalised and stakeholder engagement on closure times is in progress.
- The team is running ahead of schedule with the foaming bitumen stabilisation and have completed 2.3km of rehabilitations of a 23.4 kilometre programme including Waihirere Straight (1.3km), Potential site (330m), Clarkes Corner (360m) and Railway Tunnel (276m). Work is expected to run through June and into July dependent on weather. If conditions become too unfavourable, we will have to wait for more settled weather later in the year to complete this work.

State Highway 2 Gisborne to Napier:

- We have made minor changes to the opening times for residents of the section between Aropaoanui Road on the southern side of Devil's Elbow and at the top of Waikoau Hill to accommodate early-morning commute to Napier. The attached letter was sent to community contacts and iwi partners on 23/5.
- The new opening times are now 5am to 9pm for everyone.
- Works at Devil's Elbow and further south at the large underslip are underway to enable the road to be open around the clock (edge protection and road widening).
- By the end of May we hope to be in position to communicate the date for 24/7 opening.
- The works on the Esk River bridge have been delayed by wet weather and are now expected to be complete next week. The team is using a grout product (epoxy) that is very sensitive to moisture but also vibration. Excess moisture prevents the product from setting and curing. Therefore, we need to keep the bridge closed overnight (9pm to 5am) until construction is completed.

State Highway 38

- Our contractors will be starting later this week repairing an underslip next to the Waikaretaheke river (where the road is down to one lane). This site is at high risk of failing further if not repaired now.
- Design for the permanent fixes for the other damaged sites continues.

State Highway 5:

- State Highway 5 will be closed between Hedgeley Road (Eskdale) and Caroline Drive (Taupō) from 9pm on Wednesday 24/5 to 3am on Thursday 25/5 to allow for urgent seal repairs of the temporary bypass at the Esk underslip between Glengarry and Te Pohue. Residents will always have access to their property during the six-hour closure period.
- [We posted about the closure on Facebook](#) and notified residents and key stakeholders via email.

- The Esk underslip is on track to be repaired by the end of July with the road being reinstated to two lanes.

Update on recovery work

Strategic Resilience Recovery work: Hawke's Bay

- The Hawke's Bay Strategic Resilience Recovery work is in its fourth week, and on track to be completed mid-July.
- An Investment Logic Mapping (ILM) workshop was held on Thursday 18/5 attended by governance group members (including council representatives) to discuss project scope, risks, stakeholder concerns and perspectives, the draft ILM as well as the SH5 Programme Business Case currently underway.
- Pou Arahi Ngawati Apanui is in the process of confirming with iwi and hapū how they would prefer to be engaged with during this project. Initial discussions to confirm a way forward are currently being scheduled and a few have already taken place.
- Workshop 2 to be held on 2/6 to develop options and programmes.

Strategic Resilience Recovery work: Tairāwhiti Wairoa

- The Tairāwhiti Wairoa Strategic Resilience Recovery work is now in Week 10.
- The project team is focused on preparing for the final workshop with councils scheduled for 26 May to share the final prioritised broad programme of work and take feedback.
- On 15 May our Pou Arahi met with four iwi groups in the rohe to connect on the Strategic Resilience Recovery work underway.

Collaborative delivery model

- We are aiming to re-connect with all council partners in the coming weeks – this will be at GM level.
- We are also planning a hui with council CEs and Mayors in the next month.

Other

- The 8th edition of our [Hawke's Bay recovery newsletter](#) was issued on Friday, 19/5. The next newsletter will come out on 16/6.
- We have posted a moving video of the Waikare Gorge blessing ceremony on [Facebook](#) featuring our iwi and council partners.
- The resource consent for the Waikare Gorge road re-alignment and new bridge has been lodged. The realignment project will include 3.9 kilometres of new road and a 160-metre-long arch bridge, approximately 60 metres above the Waikari river. We have issued a [media release](#) about this milestone.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Ref: Update on State Highway 2

Kia ora koutou,

Firstly, we would like to apologise for the miscommunication regarding SH2 opening times due to mobile signage boards advertising differing opening times. We would like to apologise for any distress this may have caused.

State Highway 2 is now open from **5am to 9pm** and **closed between 9pm and 5am** while our crews continue to install additional edge protection and widen the road at Devil's Elbow and further south at the large underslip (where the road is down to one lane).

Please adhere to the 30km/h speed limit when travelling through those sections to keep yourself and other road users safe.

Strengthening works on the Esk River bridge

The works on the bridge have been delayed by wet weather and are now expected to be complete next week. The team is using a grout product (epoxy) that is very sensitive to moisture but also vibration. Excess moisture prevents the product from setting and curing. Therefore, we need to keep the **bridge closed overnight (9pm to 5am)** until construction is completed.

We will be in a position before the end of May to provide an update on when restrictions will be lifted to allow the road to be open 24/7.

Many thanks again for your patience.

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Kia ora koutou,

The blessing ceremony at Waikare Gorge last Saturday was a special day for the region and the communities living along SH2. There are many beautiful stories of whānau who have been able to reconnect after a very challenging time. We are working on getting this road open 24/7 as we complete works to ensure its safety at night.

Please see below for updates on the State Highway network and recovery work.

Updates on the State Highway network as at 17/5/23 include:

State Highway 35:

- On Friday last week contractors found hard ground on the southern abutment for the Hikuwai #1 Bailey Bridge at 32m deep – this was 17m deeper than anticipated.

- They have also found hard ground for the first two piles in the river at 7m deep – which has been reviewed and approved by bridge engineers.
- We will start piling on the northern side of the bridge next week – once we find hard ground here we'll be able to programme the rest of the work required and set the opening date for the Bailey bridge.
- The parts/spans for the bailey bridge are arriving this week and we will begin launching over the river next week – weather dependant.
- Planning is also beginning for the demolition of the old bridge. Once the crane has finished assembling the Bailey bridge, it will begin removing the old bridge. Parts and concrete from this will be recycled as much as possible.

State Highway 2 North of Gisborne:

- The foamed bitumen team is currently at Clarke's Corner (site 3/10) and making good progress. Some rain is forecast for this week and will be monitored on a daily basis. To date, we have completed 4.1 lane kilometres of rehabilitations of a 23.4 kilometre programme
- Work is underway on the establishment of a mobile asphalt plant and the design of asphalt surfacing to further secure this critical route. We expect to have this in place so work can start in the first week in June.

State Highway 2 Gisborne to Napier:

- State Highway 2 Wairoa to Napier reopened on Sunday 14 May to all road users. We have posted this video about the opening on Facebook.
- The section of road in the Devils Elbow Section is only open during daylight hours, 7am to 6pm. The closure points are Aropoanui Road on the southern side of Devils Elbow and at the top of Waikoau Hill on the northern side of the Elbow.
- Works are underway to enable the road to be open at night. These works include delineation installation (e.g. edge marker posts and 'cats eyes') along with further guard rail re-instatement/repair.
- The Waikare Bailey Bridge is open 24/7 under manual traffic management, although there are weight and over-dimensional restrictions in place.
- On 17th May our team will be undertaking a night drive-over to check progress for 24/7 opening. We hope to communicate the date for 24/7 opening later this week.
- Works at Devil's Elbow to bring the road back to 2 lanes where possible is ongoing.

State Highway 38

- Contractors continue to focus on general clean up and drainage clearing.
- Our consultants continue to progress the design work for the permanent fixes to the damaged sites, and following that physical works will be able to start.

State Highway 5:

- Construction on the Eland large underslip was expected to start last week but design has not yet been finalised. Teams will begin work in the coming weeks.

Other

- The next edition of our Hawke's Bay recovery newsletter will come out on Friday. From then on, we move to monthly.

Update on recovery work

Strategic Resilience Recovery work: Hawke's Bay

- The Hawke's Bay Strategic Resilience Recovery work is in its third week, and it's expected to be completed mid-July.
- An Investment Logic Mapping (ILM) workshop is scheduled for Thursday 18/5. The workshop is a first opportunity for the Governance Group to meet, for the project team to provide a line of sight, discuss scope, risks and the draft ILM.

Strategic Resilience Recovery work: Tairāwhiti Wairoa

- The Tairāwhiti Wairoa Strategic Resilience Recovery work is now in Week 9.
- On 16th May, members of the project team met with Gisborne District Council and Wairoa District Council representatives to discuss SH2 Tiniroto Road specifically.
- The project's fourth workshop with the governance group is scheduled for Friday 26 May and the focus will be on prioritising final options.

Collaborative delivery model

- Work is taking place to shape up the on and off-site resource required to undertake the design aspect of the recovery and rebuild works, ensuring that local design resource is available for all asset owners in the region.

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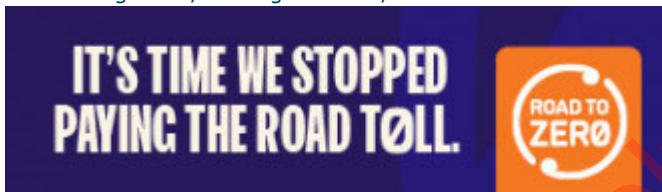
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Kia ora koutou,

Please see below for updates on the State Highway network and recovery work.

Updates on the State Highway network as at 10/5/23 include:

State Highway 35:

- Piling for the Hikuwai #1 Bailey bridge began last week and based on what we've discovered we are modifying our approach.
- We have started on the southern abutment and expected to find hard ground at 15m deep, but at 22m deep we still haven't found hard ground.
- We will extend the piles another 12m by welding two piles together to find firm ground. These welded piles need to be inspected before use which will happen this Friday.
- At this stage we estimate an extra 6-8 working days is needed based on the above, moving our likely opening date to 8 June.

State Highway 2 North of Gisborne:

- The foamed bitumen team is one week ahead of schedule after sealing the 1.2km long worksite on Waihirere Straight on Monday this week. Line marking will be completed at a later date. They're now working on a 360m section near Clarke's Corner with hopes to seal on Friday and will move north to Clarke's corner next week. There are ten sites in total from Ormond to Matawai (with one of these on SH35 at Tolaga Bay) with completion expected by 1 July.
- Asphalt resurfacing will follow from June – August along SH2 from Gisborne to Waioeka Gorge and between Gisborne and Manutuke. This work will be undertaken at night and key stakeholders are being engaged.

State Highway 2 Gisborne to Napier:

- State Highway 2 Wairoa to Napier will reopen on Sunday 14 May at 7am to all road users. [We have posted about the opening on Facebook.](#)
- The road will be open during daylight hours, 7am to 6pm. The bridge will be closed at night as roadside barriers haven't been completed. The closure points will be where they currently are - north of Waikare Bailey Bridge, and at Tangoio.
- A blessing ceremony will be held on Saturday 13 May, 10 am – Ngāti Pāhauwera and Maungahuru Tangitū Trust will share the karakia.
- The work to strengthen the Esk River Bridge is progressing well and nightworks are expected to be complete by 21 May. There will still be some work to do under the bridge (filling in cracks), and this is expected to be complete by 16 June; there won't be any lane closures necessary to complete those works.

State Highway 38

- This week contractors are focusing on general clean up and drainage clearing.
- Our consultants continue to progress the design work for the permanent fixes to the damaged sites, and following that physical works will be able to start.

State Highway 5:

- Construction is anticipated to start this week on the Eland large underslip to reconstruct the road as it was.
- Reconstruction of the road at the Glengarry large underslip continues and is expected to be complete end of July.
- Temporary work continues to protect the road at the Mangakōpikopiko stream scour sites until a permanent design / solution is completed.

Other

- A meeting with community members living along SH2 was held on Monday, 8 May, 6.30pm at the Waikare Sports Complex in Putorino. The attached info sheet was distributed to the community (including key facts about the Bailey bridge and an update on the Waikare Gorge re-alignment and new bridge project)

Update on recovery work

Strategic Resilience Recovery work: Hawke's Bay

- The Hawke's Bay Strategic Resilience Recovery Approach planning is in its second week. Actions include completing project initiation and progressing technical work. Governance meetings will be set up soon with representatives from Napier City Council, Hastings District Council, Central Hawkes Bay District Council, and Hawkes Bay Regional Council invited.
- The project team is working closely with the SH5 Programme Business Case (PBC) project team:
 - SH5 PBC is focusing on **Low Impact High Probability events** (i.e. disruptions to the network that occur at a high frequency - generally multiple times per year - which can lead to disruption that is generally resolved quickly, including crashes, minor slips and weather events.)
 - Hawke's Bay Strategic Resilience Recovery work is focusing on **Low Frequency High Impact Resilience events** within Hawke's Bay sections of SH5; SH2/SH5 intersection to Takapau section; SH50 and SH51 (i.e. disruptions to the network that occur at low frequency which can lead to major disruption and road closure including land instability, flooding/inundation, river/stream erosion and infrastructure vulnerable to natural hazards);

- An update on the Hawke's Bay Strategic Resilience Recovery Work was provided to the SH5 PBC Steering Group on 9 May

Strategic Resilience Recovery work: Tairāwhiti Wairoa

- The project team presented progress on the assessment of potential programmes for State Highway 2, 35 and 38 to the governance group. Feedback from the governance group was supportive of the work done to date and the emerging programmes will be shaped up more in the next few weeks.

Collaborative delivery model (alliance)

- The interim alliance phase continues, internally we are working to ensure that once the strategic planning mentioned above is complete we can hand over the first tranche of recovery work (defined as restoring condition back to previous levels) ready for the full alliance model to pick up.
- For the rebuild work (defined as improvement to the level of service for a road corridor), once the full alliance is set up there will be multiple stages of detailed design and costing prior to this work commencing. We expect this phase of work to commence towards the end of 2023/early 2024.
- The procurement strategy is underway, outlining how a design sub-alliance, regional contractors, consultants and other national specialists will be engaged.

As always, any questions please let me know.

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State Highway 2 Napier to Wairoa – Update

8 May 2023

Key Dates:

- Bailey Bridge Blessing Ceremony: **Saturday, 13 May 2023, 10am**
- State Highway Napier to Wairoa open from **Sunday, 14 May 2023, 7am**
- Initially the road will only be open during daylight hours, **7am to 6pm**

Waikare Gorge Bailey Bridge:

Restrictions:

- 50MAX vehicles can use the bridge.
- **Any vehicles using the bridge must not be longer than 23m and 2.55m wide.**
- HPMVs cannot use the bridge.

Bridge Movements:

- The Bailey bridge system is a portable structure made up of steel and timber components. Bailey bridges are flexible and have a noticeable deflection under traffic loading.
- With a 42m main span, the Waikare Bailey Bridge is one of the longest span length configurations ever used in a New Zealand. As a result, road users will notice that the bridge is flexing when used but this is normal.
- A 10km/h speed restriction is in place to limit the liveliness of the bridge.
- The bridge will undergo regular inspection and maintenance including tightening of components.

State Highway 2 works:

On **Wednesday, 10 May** and **Thursday, 11 May** the road will be closed for times at the Te Ngarue stream bend for pavement works. These works are required to stabilise the road ahead of the programmed SH2 opening.

Repair works will continue beyond the opening date. There will be multiple one-lane sections. There were almost 100 damaged sites between Napier and Wairoa, e.g.

Cyclone- related damage:

- SH2 Tangoio Corner: Large scour, made trafficable and safe to 1 lane. Design will start under Alliance
- SH2 Devil's Elbow: large scour; large retaining structure destroyed. Made trafficable and safe to 1 lane. Design will start under the Alliance
- SH2 Tangoio to White Pine Bush – several large underslips into the stream where the road is reduced to 1 lane; substantial design required – will start under the Alliance

Pre-cyclone damage:

- SH2 Raupunga Subsidence – still a priority; design resumed (work impacted by cyclone)
- SH2 Slip at Tangoio (South of White Pine Bush) – design underway (repaired under the Alliance)

Please note: As the road environment remains fragile, especially during wet weather, we may need to close the road at short notice for extended periods of time. We apologise in advance for the inconvenience and thank you for your ongoing patience.

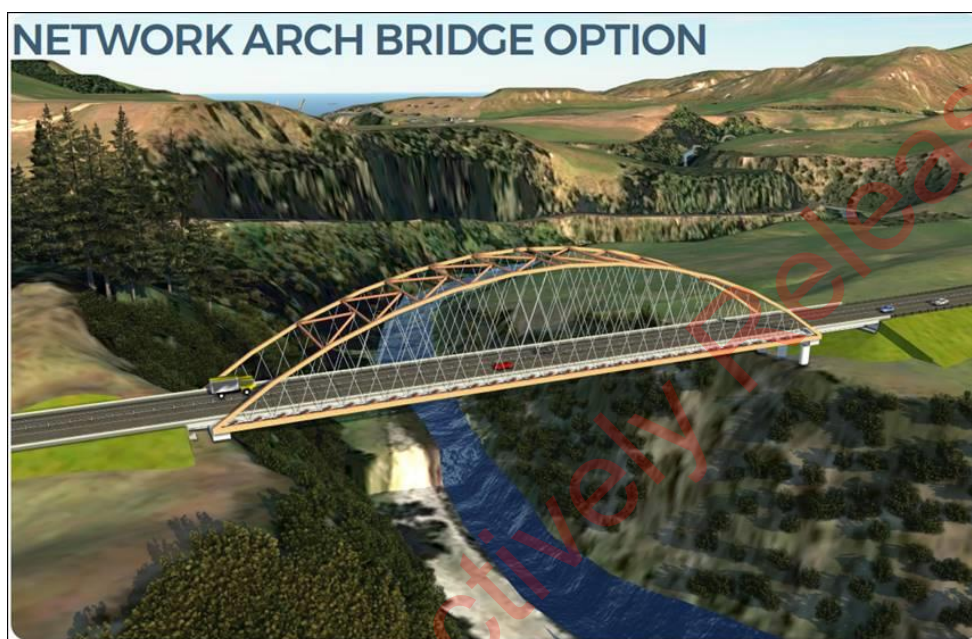
Update on Waikare Gorge re-alignment and new bridge:

The Project:

The Waikare Gorge project includes a 3.9km realignment (greenfield) and a new 160m bridge across the Waikare Gorge. The project will improve safety, resilience, and access for communities in the northern Hawke's Bay.

Progress Update:

The project team have had a number of discussions and meetings with landowners, key stakeholders and iwi partners to gather their views. An arch bridge construction (as shown below) has been identified as the preferred bridge option. This type of structure will allow the bridge to be built without impact on the river or the walls of the gorge itself.



Next steps?

- The resource consent has been submitted to Hawke's Bay Regional Council.
- Once design and consent has been complete the project will be put forward for construction funding consideration.
- We are looking to secure property funding and the project team will re-engage with property owners this month.
- Strategic work is underway identifying the short, medium and long term programmes of work for State Highway resilience from Central Hawkes Bay through to Bay of Plenty. We are looking to complete this work in June/July - Waikare Gorge is likely to be a high priority.

FOR MORE UPDATES, PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE WAKA KOTAHI NEWSLETTER VIA:

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Updates on the State Highway network as at 4/5/23 include:

State Highway 35:

- Bailey Bridge work is underway with piling and remains on track for opening 26 May, weather dependant.

State Highway 2 North of Gisborne:

- We are improving the resilience of State Highway 2 Gisborne to Ōpōtiki as part of the Government's initial \$250m fund for cyclone-related emergency repairs and road works.
- Pavement work got underway on the Waerengaahika Straights between Bruce Road and College Road in Ormond on Tuesday under stop/go traffic management. A media release has been issued and communication with stakeholders is in progress.

- Asphalt resurfacing will follow from June – August along SH2 from Gisborne to Waioeka Gorge and between Gisborne and Manutuke. This work will be undertaken at night and key stakeholders are being engaged.

State Highway 2 Gisborne to Napier:

- We are pleased to advise that State Highway 2 Wairoa to Napier will reopen next Sunday 14th May at 7am to all road users. The road will initially only be open during daylight hours, 7am to 6pm.
- The work to strengthen the Esk River Bridge started on Sunday 30 April.

State Highway 38

- Clean up work on SH38 continues, such as slip clearing, slash clean up and pavement works.
- Our consultants are currently progressing the design work for the permanent fixes to the damaged sites, and following that the physical works will be able to commence.

State Highway 51:

- The Waitangi River Bridge was closed overnight from last Wednesday evening (26/4) to Thursday morning (27/4) for debris clearing and replacement of damaged barrier.

State Highway 5:

- SH5 Eland large underslip: road is currently down to one lane. Design is underway with construction anticipated to start in the second week of May to reconstruct the road as it was.
- SH5 Te Haroto large scour where road is reduced to one lane. Design is underway with construction anticipated to start mid-June to reconstruct the road as it was. Large box culvert inlet improvements will also be completed.
- SH5 Glengarry large underslip – reconstruction of the road continues and is expected to be completed by end of July.
- SH5 Mangakōpikopiko stream scour sites – temporary work started this week (1 May) to protect the road until a permanent design / solution is completed.

Other

- A hui with SH5 community representatives was held on Monday 1 May to hear their concerns and insights and to update them on work happening on SH5. This meeting was well received, and a follow-up meeting will be organised.
- A meeting with community members living along SH2 will be held next Monday, 8 May, 6.30pm at the Waikare Sports Complex in Putorino. There will be managed walking access over the Waikare Bailey bridge before and after the meeting to give community members from the northern side of the gorge the opportunity to attend.
- An update email to communities living along SH2 (including the invite to the community meeting) was sent out on 3 May.
- Bailey bridges have a planned inspection a month after they are completed, and then normally have an annual inspection. We are looking at whether the two state highway Bailey bridges should have more frequent inspections.

Update on recovery work

Strategic Resilience Recovery work:

- The Tairāwhiti Wairoa Resilience Strategic Approach planning is currently in week seven of this 12-week project. The focus for the week ending 5 May 2023 has been completing long list assessments and developing programmes for each corridor for further assessment (State Highway 2, State Highway 35 and State Highway 38).
- A productive MCA (multi criteria assessment) session was held on Tuesday. Waka Kotahi has recently met with both Ngāi Tūhoe and Ngāti Pāhauwera to discuss the project. We are also meeting with Wairoa District Council one on one, and tomorrow will meet to discuss options for SH38 specifically.
- On Tuesday 9 May we will undertake initial programme assessment and prioritisation, and the final options prioritisation workshop is scheduled for 16 May.

- We are connected with KiwiRail and are looking to coordinate work where possible.
- We have also been provided information on the Wairoa Governance Group (WGG)
- For the Hawke's Bay strategic resilience recovery project, we are drafting terms of reference for a governance group this week and will be in touch with councils to join governance group meetings.

Collaborative delivery model (alliance)

- The interim alliance phase is progressing well, with key appointments have been made, including the Alliance Director and Owner Interface Managers for both Waka Kotahi and KiwiRail.
- The alliance scope is the physical rebuild of the transport network for asset owners (currently Waka Kotahi and KiwiRail), this will include some design (e.g.: retaining walls, slope stabilisation, road rebuilding). For clarity, the alliance is not designing the resilience recovery plan, or making decisions on what is, or is not built.
- We will be engaging with all Councils over the next coming weeks regarding the alliance model, our engagements with local contractors, and discussion how we will all work together to ensure resources are shared appropriately to achieve positive outcomes for your communities.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at any time if you have any questions at all.

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