

NZ Upgrade Programme

Monthly Report for July 2023

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Executive Summary

Project Health RAG	Phase	Overall Health	Time	\$
Whangārei to Port Marsden Highway Safety Imps	Rescope	↓	↓	
Papakura to Drury	Imp			
South Auckland Package	DBC			
• Manukau to Takaanini Rd Access & Safety	DBC			
• South Auckland - Waihoehoe Road (Drury) Upgrade	Pre-Imp			
• South Auckland - SH22 (Drury) Corridor Upgrade	Pre-Imp			
O Mahurangi - Penlink	Imp			
SH1/29 Intersection Improvements	Pre-Imp			
Takitimu North Link Stage 1	Imp			
Takitimu North Link Stage 2	Pre-Imp			
Ōtaki to North of Levin (ŌZNL)	Pre-Imp			
SH58 Safety Improvements – Stage Two	Imp			
SH2 Melling Efficiency & Safety Improvements	Pre-Imp			
Canterbury Package				
• Brougham St Corridor Improvements	Pre-Imp	↓		↓
• Rolleston Access Improvements	BC			
• SH75 Halswell Road Improvements	Pre-Imp			
• SH73 Weedons-Ross Road Intersection	Post-Imp			
• Walnut Avenue Intersection Improvements	Post-Imp			
• SH1 Tinwald Corridor Improvements	Imp			
Queenstown Package	Pre-Imp			

Communication & Engagement Highlights
SH1 Tinwald - A very positive blessing and sod turning was held on July 1. Work start notices and road closure notices have been shared via letterbox drop, on social media and on the project webpage
O Mahurangi – Iwi lead site blessing for the start of construction of the new site office. Series of engagement occurred with students in the local area to build understanding of the project.
SH1/29 – Prepared communications strategies and material now the consents have been issued and prepared for tender going out. Minister has been invited to attend the planned sod turning/blessing.

Sponsor Commentary

The first month of the financial year sees the programme remaining as **RED** s 9(2)(g)(i) The programme's status will be reviewed after the updated Delegation Letter is confirmed. No significant changes have occurred to project estimates since last month.

Items of note this month at a project level are:

- Melling** Treasury Gateway Review completed in July, The project remains **AMBER** as we actively manage key partner, commercial and property risks.
- s 9(2)(g)(i)
- Takitimu North Link Stage 2** public engagement continues and closes on 4 August. Delays have meant that target for lodgment of Notice of Requirement and consents is likely to be December 2023, the programme slipping 2 months.
- South Auckland Package** - The Value Outcome and Standards committee endorsed the business case to progress to the Investment & Delivery Committee for endorsement.
- Brougham Street Corridor Improvements** - Consultants have produced their cost report and the NZUP Brougham budget status has been flagged as **RED** for the month of July. Project to work with the Steering Group to understand what can be delivered within the current budget.
- SH1 Tinwald** – Construction began at the beginning of the month following blessing and sod turning on July 1.

Key Upcoming Project Decisions

Project	Milestone	Due
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		

Programme Financials

Project (\$m)	Project Total Spent	% Spent to P50	Budget appropriated (to P50)	Joint Ministers Tagged Contingency	P95 Contingency Appropriated	Funding Allocation	Latest EAC range (equivalent P50 – P95)	Estimate Date	Budget Health RAG Status
O Mahurangi/Penlink	156.6	s 9(2)(j)				830	s 9(2)(j)		●
Ōtaki to North of Levin (Ō2NL)	144.8					1,500			●
Higher risk	301.4					2,330			
Papakura to Drury	230.7					655			●
Takitimu North Link Stage 1	225.9					655			●
SH2 Melling Safety Improvements	71.3					420			●
SH58 Safety Imp Stage Two	40.1					105			●
SH1/29 Intersection Improvements	6.6					40			●
Canterbury Package	45.4					300			●
Queenstown Package	28.8					115			●
Takitimu North Link Stage 2	26.4					57			●
Lower risk	675.1					2,347			
Whangārei to Port Marsden Highway Safety Imps	13.9					192			●
South Auckland Package	91.9					874			●
** Northern Pathway Alt Investment	51.9					782.5			●
Rescoped	157.7					1,848.5			
Grand Total	1,134.2					6,525.5			

Table will be updated to reflect the new allocations upon confirmation of the updated delegation letter by the Board.

** Project has been discontinued.

Overall Commentary

- Total project spend for the month was \$36.9m, this was \$9.8m (21%) lower than forecasted for July. The majority (\$8.6m) of the underspend was due to property acquisitions where expenditure now expected to occur in later months than forecasted.
- Work is underway in August to set the FY23/24 baseline which will form the basis of ongoing variance reporting.

Estimates at Completion (EAC)

Fluctuations in short-term (<1 year) forecasted escalation rates are excluded from estimate ranges to reduce uncertainty in reported estimates. Majority of Estimates at Completions this month refer to agreed October 2022 estimates.

No changes have occurred to Estimates at Completion since last month

Upcoming changes to Estimates at Completion:

- Papakura to Drury** – Update to estimates will be presented to the Project Steering Group this month following additional information and considerations.

Project Readiness Status

Projects	Construction start date as per 2022 Briefings	Next major milestone		State of Readiness		
				Stable Scope	Property purchase	Consenting
Takitimu North Link Stage 1 (Imp)	Underway	Construction Complete	Late 26			Extreme
O Mahurangi/Penlink (Imp)	Underway	Construction Complete	Late 26			
SH1-29 Intersection Improvements (Pre Imp)	Mid 2023	Physical Works Contract award	Aug/Sept 23			
SH58 Safety Imps – Stage 2 (Imp)	Mid 2023 (Stage 2B)	Construction Complete	Jan 26		Trending GREEN	
Queenstown Package (Pre Imp)	Mid 2023	Physical Works Contract Award	Dec 23			
SH1 Tinwald Corridor Improvements (Imp)	Mid 2023	Implementation phase completed	Jun 24			
SH1 Papakura to Drury (Imp)	Stage 1B1 – Mid 2023	1B1 PW Contract Award	Nov 23			
	Stage 1B2	Detailed Design Phase	Mar 25			
SH2 Melling Efficiency & Safety (Pre Imp)	Late 2023	Physical Works Start	Dec 23			
SH75 Halswell Rd Imps (Pre Imp)	Mid 2024	Physical Works Contract Award	Dec 23			
Brougham St Corridor Improvements (Pre Imp)	Late 2024	NOR Lodgement	Late 23	↓		
Rolleston Access Improvements (BC)	Early 2025	BC Approval	Sep 23			
Ōtaki to North of Levin (Pre Imp)	2025	NOR Approval	July 24	↑		
Takitimu North Link Stage 2 (Pre Imp)	N/A	Consent Lodgement	Late 23			
Waihoehoe Road (Drury) Upgrade (Pre Imp)	TBC	Consent Lodgement	Nov 23			
SH22 (Drury) Corridor Upgrade (Pre Imp)	TBC	Physical Works Contract Award	May 26			

Readiness ratings are assigned by the programme Subject Matter Experts and reflects the programme's view of status. **RED** or **AMBER** may not necessarily mean that management intervention is required. Over time all projects would trend to **GREEN** as they enter or near construction with all property, scope and consenting issues resolved.

Scope

RED status reflects scope definition still to be completed/confirmed.

- Queenstown is showing **RED** s 9(2)(g)(i)
- Ō2NL has been updated to **AMBER** to reflect being committed to confirmed scope.
- Rolleston Access Improvements is **RED** and Brougham St is now **RED** s 9(2)(g)(i)

Property

GREEN to **RED** status reflects scaled risk based on timeframe to construction start.

- SH2 Melling – RED** reflects tight delivery timeframes for business relocation. Relocation site for one tenant should be ready for occupation by mid 2024 but alternative option now being investigated by second tenant so no longer 'Red trending Amber' status. Land Requirement Plans (LRP's) for cycleway still outstanding.
- Brougham St Corridor & Rolleston Access Improvements – RED** reflects the fact that design and land requirements are not yet confirmed.
- Ō2NL – **RED** s 9(2)(g)(i)
- Waihoehoe Rd – **RED** primarily reflects the tight delivery timeframe & s 9(2)(g)(i)
- SH22 Corridor – RED** reflects the tight delivery timeframe and fact that design and land requirements are not yet confirmed.

Consenting

RAG status relates to the state of readiness for construction. Projects rated **AMBER** still need some or all designations, consents or other statutory approvals (e.g. archaeological authorities). In most cases the pre-lodgement work is underway, or the application package has been lodged.

Projects not yet lodged will be subject to recent and further changes to the resource management framework (e.g. NPS for Indigenous Biodiversity came into effect on 4 August 2023). There are five projects which may be lodged after the new Natural and Built Environments Act comes into effect. This may not increase consenting risk but may create some uncertainty for the process depending on final details of the legislation.

s 9(2)(g)(i)

Programme Risk Management

Key Programme Risks

No changes have been made to programme risks during July. We continue to monitor these on an ongoing basis.

Extreme Risks and Issues

Escalation

There has been no update to this issue in the last month. We are monitoring escalation and will review cost estimates when the net quarterly set of indices are received.

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Current Programme Risk Landscape*			
Extreme Risk	High Risk	Medium Risk	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">s 9(2)(g)(i) [Redacted]Escalation: Escalating input cost, labour, material, property and delivery – being managed as an issues 9(2)(g)(i) [Redacted]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Delivery Improvement: Outcomes not achievedLocal Authority: Stakeholders' expectations are not metOperation: Inadequate project management practices and disciplinesResources: Inadequate internal & external programme resourceProperty: Unsuccessful and costly property acquisition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Score card: 5% value of all tender contracts awarded to Māori SMEs requirement not achievedNZUP Initiatives: Programme initiatives / improvements not promulgated and embedded across Waka KotahiData Quality: Inadequate programme data quality/ currency and consistencyConsents: Project consents and other statutory approvals delayed (either lodgement or statutory process)External Capacity: External partner and stakeholder capacity to support programme	

* Key project specific risks can be found in the sponsor commentaries.

Upcoming Significant Decisions

s 9(2)(f)(iv)










Proactively Released



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Waikato & Bay of Plenty	SH1/29 Intersection Improvements (Pre-Imp)	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	The project has an AMBER status s 9(2)(g)(i) Tender is underway, with the intention of contract award in August, ready for an October earthworks start.
		Previous Month AMBER	Previous Month AMBER	Previous Month AMBER	
	Takitimu North Link Stage 1 (Imp)	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	The Project remains RED RAG status s 9(2)(g)(i)
		Previous Month RED	Previous Month RED	Previous Month RED	

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Northland	Whangarei to Port Marsden Highway Safety Improvements Project				Project is in a RED RAG status due to three performance areas within the project being flagged as RED (Communicatons & Engagement, Resourcing and Schedule). s 9(2)(g)(i)
		Previous Month GREEN	Previous Month GREEN	Previous Month GREEN	
Auckland	Papakura to Drury (Imp)				Project RAG remains RED . Stage 1A construction continues to progress well. KiwiRail have reduced the availability of blocks of line for bridge works over the North Island Main Trunk Line in October and November which will impact the programme and increase cost. The October and November period is particularly busy for KiwiRail, but we continue to work with them and look for opportunities (e.g., Super Sunday's) to complete the work in a timely manner . Stage 1B1 tender process continues with two further tender interactives scheduled with the contractor in August. s 9(2)(g)(i)
		Previous Month RED	Previous Month AMBER	Previous Month RED	
	O Mahurangi/ Penlink (Imp)				The project is tracking within budget tolerance and quality is of a high standard. Programme is under pressure with construction access to the Weiti Bridge proving more challenging than envisaged. The RAG status remains GREEN . The site office construction started just as the project alliance contract celebrated its first year. The team scored an 8.2 / 10 average over 13 KPI's measured this period. The team is performing well as we progress through design peak. Productive and healthy relationships remain key in as we find solutions to cost pressures from geotechnical and Weiti Bridge challenges.
		Previous Month GREEN	Previous Month GREEN	Previous Month GREEN	

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Auckland (continued)	South Auckland Package	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<p>South Auckland Package (SAP)</p> <p>Overall RAG status is AMBER, s 9(2)(f)(iv) and that communications with landowners is slightly behind plan for the Drury Projects. Property acquisition remains a high risk for both Drury projects given some opposition to these projects.</p> <p>The package has 3 projects, grouped in two bundles as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drury projects – Waihoehoe Rd and SH22 Urbanisation projects with \$54m approved for pre-implementation and property purchases.• Manukau to Takaanini Access & Safety. <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>
	Manukau to Takaanini Rd Access & Safety (Detailed Business Case)	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	
		Previous Month GREEN	Previous Month GREEN	Previous Month GREEN	
	Waihoehoe Road (Drury) Upgrade (Pre-Imp)	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<p>Drury Upgrade projects</p> <p>Communications are on schedule to go out early August to landowners for the two Drury projects (SH22 and Waihoehoe Rd Upgrades). This will be followed up with further community and landowner meetings from 9 September 2023. We expect this will generate further opposition for Waihoehoe Rd upgrade due to the impacts on the Drury retail centre. SH22 Drury Upgrade project pre-implementation stage 2B tender is in the evaluation phase with non-price evaluation now complete. A key design element across both projects is to resolve outstanding storm water management philosophies. The teams are working closely with mana whenua to confirm high level designs.</p> <p>Overall status is AMBER, due to the ongoing risks around property.</p>
		Previous Month AMBER	Previous Month AMBER	Previous Month AMBER	
	SH22 (Drury) Corridor Upgrade (Pre-Imp)	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	
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Waikato & Bay of Plenty	Takitimu North Link Stage 2 (Pre-Imp)				<p>Project RAG status remains RED given the number of AMBER factors (risk, schedule, engagement)</p> <p>Public engagement continues and closes on 4 August. Alternative methods to open days were undertaken given health and safety risk. There is significant political, media and public scrutiny regarding SH2 currently given frustration related to congestion.</p> <p>§ 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>Further feedback in the form of cultural values assessment or cultural heritage plan is being sought.</p> <p>Target for lodgement of Notice of Requirement and consents is late 2023. Good progress is being made on Assessment of Environmental Effects, specialist reports and consenting documentation however delays with hapū feedback, Subject Matter Expert inputs and the change in method for public engagement have meant that it is likely to be December 2023, the programme slipping 2 months.</p> <p>Department of Conservation and Bay of Plenty Regional Council have still not provided formal feedback on the emerging preferred option. Bay of Plenty Regional Council has also raised project impacts on downstream effects which could become an issue – engagement continues with them on this.</p> <p>§ 9(2)(g)(i)</p>
		Previous Month RED	Previous Month AMBER	Previous Month AMBER	
Manawatu / Whanganui	Ōtaki to North of Levin (Ō2NL) (Pre-Imp)				<p>Project RAG status remains AMBER. The project team continue to make good progress towards our two big milestones for the second half 2023: Our Environment Court Hearings and the release of our Request for Proposals.</p> <p>Our Environment Court date is now set for 24 October 2023 and will be based in the Horowhenua District Council chambers in Levin. Horowhenua District Council have moved some Council meetings to make these facilities available to us. In preparation for the hearing the team have been focused the pre-hearing conference, preparing evidence and looking to resolve issues with individual submitters. § 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>At the pre-hearing conference it was great to see us standing side by side with iwi and hapū as partners on this project. § 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>The procurement workstream is progressing well with NZUP Governance Group's endorsement of our procurement strategy (now going to the Waka Kotahi Board in August) and the Waka Kotahi Board's endorsement of our NZUP funding re-allocation proposal, now awaiting Ministers' approval, that ensures we have P50 funding to allow us to commence procurement. We continue to expect the naming of our preferred Alliance partners before Christmas 2023.</p> <p>In addition to consenting and procurement our property workstream is our third critical or near critical path activity. We have made some good progress on purchases through the willing buyer willing seller process, with us now having acquired more than 50% of the property parcels. However, we are facing some challenges to the programme from Land Information New Zealand's capacity to manage the compulsory acquisition process at the rate we require. We have recently relinquished some programme float to accommodate their capacity constraints to process S18 submissions. The potential for further delays is a current risk to our programme.</p> <p>§ 9(2)(g)(i)</p>
		Previous Month AMBER	Previous Month GREEN	Previous Month AMBER	

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Wellington	SH58 Safety Improvements – Stage Two (Imp)	●	●	●	<p>The project status is GREEN. The SH58 Safety Improvements project has two components. Stage 2A (Mount Cecil Road to Harris Road) achieved practical completion on 11 July with the final surfacing being completed in December following the winter shutdown. Median barrier is complete. Stage 2B contract extension award delayed by 2 months to October/November. Early-work activities will continue before approval to avoid any significant delay to schedule.</p>
		Previous Month GREEN	Previous Month GREEN	Previous Month GREEN	<p>Construction of the first section of SH58 Stage 2B (Harris Road to Moonshine Road) was awarded to the contractor at a contract price of s 9(2)(i) on 7 December 2022. This results in Stage 2B effectively commencing 8 months ahead of baseline (1 August 2023). All consents have been received, and construction is underway.</p> <p>The Moonshine Road to Transmission Gully length, which is the last stage in the project, is targeted to commence in November 2023. Land requirement plans have been completed for Stage 2B (Moonshine Road to Transmission Gully) and landowners have been approached for agreement. We are currently responding to issues being raised by landowners. In parallel, consenting documents were submitted on 29 November.</p> <p>It is proposed to commence with the section from Flighty's Road to Transmission Gully to provide additional time for property purchase between Moonshine Road and Flighty's Road. Regional consents have been received and requests for further information from Porirua City Council on the Notice of Requirement have been responded to. Porirua City Council have indicated that they are comfortable with the responses. Council have advised that they will limited notify the Notice of Requirement. Early buildability discussions are underway as are estimates for this stage of construction. Several landowners request advance agreements which provides early access if agreed.</p>

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Wellington	SH2 Melling Efficiency & Safety Improvements (Pre Imp)				<p>The project remains AMBER as we actively manage key partner, commercial and property risks.</p> <p>Treasury Gateway Review: (Completed in July)</p> <p>We received an AMBER rating. The review team noted the following positive areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">the innovative partnership approach through Te Awa Kairangi RiverLink programme to deliver community infrastructure that supports broader outcomes, placemaking and community developmentthe way the mana whenua package is being dealt withthe success of the consenting process and that the single consent will help ensure the Partners maintain a coordinated and aligned approach to future decisionsthe benefits to the Crown-Māori and local-central government relationships that come from Waka Kotahi working closely with its iwi and local government partners, from being able to shape long-term outcomes together to then building strong and enduring relationships that can survive difficult conversations. <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>Alliance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">We endorsed the extension of the Interim Project Alliance Agreement phase by seven weeks subject to the team detailing how the revised Interim Project Alliance Agreement budget will be estimated that will include a review by our independent estimating team.s 9(2)(g)(i) <p>Property:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Great Wellington Regional Council property agreement - the advance property agreement has been signed and settled first week of July – this is great achievement for the project and the culmination of over a year of work. We have commenced discussions on other land Great Wellington Regional Council hold for public purposes that is required for the project and a valuation will be instructed shortly.s 9(2)(g)(i) <p>Agreements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Work continues on the RiverLink Partner Agreement, defining the Great Wellington Regional Council, Hutt City Council and Waka Kotahi governance and commercial arrangements for the Project Alliance Agreement phase principles. A commercial advisory group provides challenge and oversight for this work.
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Canterbury	Brougham St Corridor Improvements (Pre-Imp)				<p>SH1 Rolleston Access Improvements – Detailed Business Case has identified a preferred option. An internal phase readiness review (previously known as stage gate) has been completed, which had an amber/green rating. The business case will be reported to the Board in September for endorsement.</p> <p>SH76 Brougham Street Corridor Improvements – Detailed Business Case. Consultants have produced their cost report and the NZUP Brougham budget status has been flagged as RED for the month of July. s 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i) Project to work with the Steering Group to understand what can be delivered within the current budget. s 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>SH75 Halswell Road Improvements – Detailed Business Case has been approved and is in the pre-implementation phase. A pre-design cost estimate has been developed that shows a higher cost than the Detailed Business Case estimate.</p> <p>SH73 Weedons-Ross Road, SH73 West Melton Improvements – The project has completed construction, some minor works are being closed out.</p> <p>SH1 Tinwald – Construction is now underway.</p> <p>SH1 Walnut Ave – Construction was completed in November 2022.</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p>				
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	Rolleston Access Improvements (BC)					<p>SH76 Brougham Street Corridor Improvements – Detailed Business Case. Consultants have produced their cost report and the NZUP Brougham budget status has been flagged as RED for the month of July. s 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i) Project to work with the Steering Group to understand what can be delivered within the current budget. s 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>SH75 Halswell Road Improvements – Detailed Business Case has been approved and is in the pre-implementation phase. A pre-design cost estimate has been developed that shows a higher cost than the Detailed Business Case estimate.</p> <p>SH73 Weedons-Ross Road, SH73 West Melton Improvements – The project has completed construction, some minor works are being closed out.</p> <p>SH1 Tinwald – Construction is now underway.</p> <p>SH1 Walnut Ave – Construction was completed in November 2022.</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p>			
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Communications & Engagement

Overview/Highlights

Community engagement and events have been a key focus this month. South Auckland Package gave a project update to the Mayor and Auckland ward councillors. O Mahurangi had a series of local youth engagement and some environmental questions. Melling alliance was gifted a project name by Mana Whenua and provided a successful training opportunity for Police.

Issues/Risks

O Mahurangi – Monitoring local media queries on crown land being used by the project, and noise reports.

South Auckland Package – A Judicial Review pursued by MADE Group in relation to Ngākōroa (Ngaakooroa) Railway Station and the process that confirmed its location has been dismissed by the High Court.

Takitimu North Link Stage 1 – Cambridge Road tie in reputation risk as switching traffic to new Cambridge Road bridge requires closure or diversion of Cambridge Road traffic. Discussions are ongoing with the project team and TCC regarding options. Traffic bulletin has been prepared in advance of starting.

Whangārei to Port Marsden Highway Safety Improvements: s 9(2)(g)(i)

Communications & Engagement Activity

O Mahurangi – Iwi led site blessing for the start of construction of the new site office. Engagement with Business Whangaparaoa. [Ahutoetoe School brought 8-9y/o students to site to paint some environmental sheds.](#) Meetings with local environment group, and noise impacted landowners. Sediment control video released in response to last month queries.

Papakura to Drury – Advance notifications of works to affected residents as required. Ongoing team activity managing two landowners seeking full rather than partial property purchase. There has been previous media coverage.

SH1/29 – Prepared communications strategies and material now the consents have been issued and prepared for tender going out. Minister has been invited to attend the planned sod turning/blessing.

SH2 Melling – Special Tactics Group from NZ Police held a successful breach training day in some of the empty properties for officers. This was well co-ordinated and managed by the Team and held without incident. Police did a great job talking to the community in advance of this, with more opportunities for training to occur in the coming month.

SH1 Tinwald - For three weeks from 31 July, speed restrictions are in place on SH1, and nearby roads have been closed. [A very positive blessing and sod turning was held on July 1.](#) Work start notices and road closure notices have been shared via letterbox drop, on social media and on the project webpage.

Ōtaki to North of Levin – Media responses and messaging review relating to project funding (stories featured in Horowhenua Chronicle and The Post). Ongoing work on projects in the area, including Ōtaki to Ohau construction comms and Levin to Foxton engagement.

South Auckland Package – Waka Kotahi updated the Auckland Mayor and Ward Councillors on the South Auckland Package at an Auckland Council Transport and Infrastructure Committee briefing on 20 July. The main questioning was on Mill Road – the scope change and what Waka Kotahi would need (resources and time) if we were requested to focus on the full Mill Road corridor.

Stakeholder Engagement

What stakeholders are saying (themes)

Papakura to Drury – community support for sharing engagement with other South Auckland project teams to gain fuller understanding on the works in the area.

SH1/29 – “Get it done quickly” is the community feedback theme. There is some community pushback on wanting a flyover instead of a roundabout.

Melling - Residents and Businesses want broader communication and updates.

Ōtaki to North of Levin – Ongoing stakeholder and community concerns on project construction funding

SH58 Safety Improvements – Project does not provide wider community objectives such as a shared path, nor increases to capacity (i.e., four-laning) desired by some stakeholders. Individual property owners' concerns are being worked through.

Rolleston - receiving public complaints about the posted speed limit increasing in a high-risk crash area. Concern plans aren't future proof - providing for four highway lanes and potential passenger rail in the future, as well as safer walking and cycling.

Upcoming Activities

O Mahurangi – Preparation for two open days next month. Meeting to discuss further opportunities with Whangaparaoa College.

Ōtaki to North of Levin – [First set of project videos released](#) explaining more about the project and partnership with Iwi. Available online (1 August) and to be shared via project newsletter (4 August).

Papakura to Drury - Updating collateral and finalising arrangements for next community info day on 9 September.

Takitimu North Link Stage 1 – Cambridge Road tie in works drop-in sessions planned for 5 August and 2 September.

Takitimu North Link Stage 2 – Public engagement open 3 July - 8 August, marking a significant step forward to protect this route, and extending the new State Highway 2 onward to Ōmokoroa. Advertising and promotion of the public engagement has been extensive.

SH58 - Proactive positive communications when all final stage consents and approvals are secured.

Iwi Engagement & Treaty Partnership

Ngā Pūrongo | Key Themes

Genuine Partnership

Across several projects we are working closely with mana whenua and iwi, including monthly mana whenua steering groups, iwi integration meetings, and hui to discuss how we can continue to work closely together.

Cultural Capability Building

Projects teams are working closely with local iwi discussing cultural significance within the project areas. Project teams are working to continue to be guided by mana whenua principles and are actively working towards an increased understanding of how to work with Iwi in an alliance context.

Risks

s 9(2)(g)(i)

Broader Outcomes – Māori Business Engagement and 5% Contract Value

Future work will be progressed when we have the skills and capability in the team following successful recruitment into the vacant NZUP Principal Māori Advisor position.

Ngā Hīnonga | Projects

SH1/29 Intersection Improvements: Iwi will be responding to us with their ideas for the blessing before construction starts (event expected to be in September 2023). Hui continue on a monthly basis and are progressing very well with strong relationships.

Ōtaki to North of Levin: Waka Kotahi working with project partners hapū of Ngāti Raukawa and Muaupoko Tribal Authority. Support for Ō2NL Māori business opportunity hui on 30 July (partner led).

O Mahurangi - The Alliance engage with iwi through Te Aukaha, the projects iwi working group. A focus has been on developing the groups work programme and kaimahi are being engaged on the project to help deliver this.

SH2 Melling- Mana whenua have gifted the Alliance delivering RiverLink the name Te Wai Takamoro Te Awa Kairangi – The Soothing Waters of Te Awa Kairangi.

SH75 Halswell Rd improvements: Project scoping document with iwi and pending comment on potential opportunities.

Queenstown Package: Kā Huanui a Tāhuna landscape team continue co-designing with Aukaha in regard to the cultural framework and in particular the Bus Hub narrative. Working with Kā Huanui a Tāhuna design team and Waka Kotahi lead planner on the impact on 12 properties who will be affected by new design of SH6/6A intersection ahead of engagement.

s 9(2)(g)(i)

Takitimu North Link Stage 2: Option feedback from partners, landowners, and stakeholders remains a risk. No further detailed response has been received from hapū regarding their support for Option 1. All stakeholders are relying on the input of tangata whenua to their decision making/feedback. Several landowners have declined access for investigations due to frustration with the project. Seeking delegated approval to lodge (approx. August 2023).

South Auckland Package: Pre-Project Steering Committee briefing hui with Te Ākitai – as part of ongoing partnership with iwi chair. Monthly iwi Integration Group hui focused on Waihoehoe project and agreeing ways of working on different elements of the design and hui with contractor, rebuilding their cultural capability. Waihoehoe Sustainability initiatives workshop with mana whenua. Mana whenua caucus session to discuss tenders for SH22