

NZ Upgrade Programme

Ministers Report - October 2021

Programme Milestones

Key Project Milestones Completed in September

- **Penlink:** RFP tender documents completed and approved for release to the two Proponents on 27 September.
- **Brougham St:** SSBC report completed by the consultant

Upcoming Milestones in October













- **Tinwald:** Complete Single Stage Business Case phase
- **Melling:** Endorse Stage 2 Procurement Plan

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NZ Upgrade Programme – Project Updates

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Region	Project name	Current Phase	Schedule Health Status (RAG)	Budget Health Status (RAG)	Project Allocation (P50)	Project total spent Life to Date	% of budget spent	Next Major Milestone	
Northland	Northland Package (Whangarei to Port Marsden)	Rescope Business Case			s 9(2)(i)	9.90	s 9(2)(i)	Rescope Business Case Complete	There is uncertainty of project costs (both rail and SH1) within the funding envelope. The Detailed Business Case work underway and subsequent decisions will progressively reduce this uncertainty The Auckland/Northland lockdown is impacting survey work and the team is working to understand the impact of this. s 9(2)(g)(i)
Auckland	SH1 Papakura to Drury	Implementation				40.76		Physical Works tender process commenced - Stage 1B1	Stage 1A physical work restarted on 21 September with a deliberate focus on site health and safety under L3 lockdown rules. Value engineering is underway for stage 1B1. Schedule status is AMBER s 9(2)(g)(i) The AMBER budget status s 9(2)(g)(i) Given this project is in construction and in Auckland, it is the project within the programme most vulnerable at this stage to lockdown impacts. We are continuing to monitor this impact closely.
	Northern Pathway Westhaven to Akoranga	Single Stage Business Case				47.54		Minister briefing on alternative cycling solution and investment mix	Following the government announcement on not progressing Northern Pathway in it's current form the project is being returned to single stage business case phase. Next steps are to close out current work and commence a new workstream to redefine project scope.
	Penlink	Pre Implementation				42.86		PAA contract awarded	The RFT tender documents were released as planned on 27 th September. As part of the tender process the proponents are encouraged to consider cost-effective delivery solutions to provide greater certainty over pricing. The budget status is AMBER s 9(2)(g)(i) The additional geotechnical investigation that commenced in August restarted when Auckland moved into L3 lockdown. This will seek to address a project risk around the potential of unsuitable material.
	South Auckland Package	Rescope Business Case				81.70		Rescope Business Case Complete	Draft business case for rescope including technically preferred option on track with a November completion date. This is followed by review process with approval processes commencing in early 2022

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Waikato & Bay of Plenty	SH1-29 Intersection Improvements	Pre Implementation			§ 9(2)(j)	1.95	§ 9(2)(j)	Pre-imp phase completed	Schedule status remains AMBER § 9(2)(g)(i)
	Takitimu North Link Stage 1	Pre Implementation				41.81		Physical Works construction contract (Part B)	Schedule status is AMBER § 9(2)(g)(i) Budget status remains RED § 9(2)(g)(i) The Board approved the award Contract Part B (Construction) subject to the Maori Land Court decision on Maori freehold land acquisition and the Tauranga City Council Advance Purchase Agreement being made. The next step will be to prepare a briefing to the Minister as the contract award exceeds \$100M.
	Takitimu North Link Stage 2	Pre Implementation				8.26		Lodge RMA applications	Ongoing assessment work for route protection continues along with communication with landowners in October/November. Schedule status remains AMBER § 9(2)(g)(i). Budget status is AMBER § 9(2)(g)(i)
Wellington	SH58 Safety Improvements – Stage 2	Implementation			§ 9(2)(j)	11.41	§ 9(2)(j)	Lodge RMA applications	Schedule status remains AMBER § 9(2)(g)(i) The Stage 2b business case was approved by the board in September.
	SH2 Melling Efficiency & Safety Imp	Pre Implementation				5.80		Registration of Interest release - construction	Consent submissions closed in September with over 100 submissions received. There are four key opposing groups. § 9(2)(g)(i) The ROI will not be released by end October and the market has been informed. This delay will not impact construction start date. Budget health status is AMBER § 9(2)(g)(i)
	Otaki to North of Levin (O2NL)	Business Case				58.64		Detailed Business Case Approved	The changes to the Detailed Business Case approach to further develop the carbon response for this project, as well as aligning timing with tolling and revocation workstreams are still under consideration. This will include any changes to timing and subsequent milestones. § 9(2)(g)(i)

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Canterbury	Brougham St Corridor	Pre-Implementation			s 9(2)(j)	2.42	s 9(2)(j)	Business Case approved	Public engagement and consultation is being sought in November 2021 with the business case approval due early 2022.
	SH73 Rolleston Access	Business Case				0.68		Lodge consent applications	s 9(2)(g)(i) this is reflected in the AMBER status. Endorsement planned to be sought at November Steering Committee. Initial cost estimates are being refined further as the preferred option designs are progressed. Budget is AMBER s 9(2)(g)(i)
	SH75 Halswell Rd	Business Case				1.23		Business Case approved	Detailed business case is complete and working towards a November approval. Parallel estimate work has identified additional costs and is being investigated. As a result, value engineering may be undertaken. This is reflected in the AMBER budget status.
	SH73 Weedons-Ross Road	Pre-Implementation				0.66		NOR Lodgement	Schedule remains AMBER s 9(2)(g)(i) Budget remains AMBER s 9(2)(g)(i)
	Walnut Avenue Intersection	Implementation				1.22		Construction finish	Construction is underway.
	SH1 Tinwald Corridor	Business Case				0.51		Single Stage Business Case Completion	Whilst COVID lead to a slight delay this is not impacting the delivery of detailed design and there are no expected delays to construction start dates.
Queenstown	Queenstown Package	Pre-Implementation/ Business Case				5.93		Lodge RMA applications	Project Alliance Agreement awarded and handover progressing with minimum requirements complete for handover in November. s 9(2)(i)