



Causeway Bridge
Photo by Greg Kempthorne

Together Everyone Achieves More

Emirates Team New Zealand's thrilling performances during the America's Cup are a great reminder of the outstanding results that a team can achieve. The individuals on Aotearoa have brought their diverse skills, dedication, ambition and passion for yachting together to make that boat go faster - and stay upright in the most challenging circumstances. Their families' and New Zealand's support for the team, as well as our collective hope that the guys and their level-headed skipper will bring the Auld Mug to New Zealand for 2017, is fuelling the team's ambition to get that job done and dusted.

As with Team New Zealand, the Causeway Alliance is a diverse, skilled, dedicated and passionate team who are doing their very best to ensure that the project is completed safely and successfully by 2017. Our team of 103 people are from six organisations and 20 countries - Australia, Canada, China, Denmark, England, Fiji, India, Iraq, Ireland, New Zealand, Romania, Samoa, Scotland, South Africa, Sri Lanka, South Korea, The Philippines, Tonga, Ukraine and Wales.

We know that what we have set out to achieve with the Causeway Upgrade Project is possible because we are working together as a team. We're constantly looking for innovative ways to improve our performance and to complete the project on behalf of the NZ Transport Agency for you as soon as we can, safely. We face challenges every day and, with the confidence we have in each other's skills and experience, we are progressing well towards our goal.

Hot off the press

You can read the opinion piece of Tommy Parker from the Transport Agency, which was published in the NZ Herald on 19 September and titled *Working together we can build a better motorway.*

'When the Northwestern Motorway began opening in the 1950s, Auckland was home to about 350,000 people. In a photograph taken at the time, I counted seven vehicles driving past scrub near Te Atatu on the new motorway...'

Read more by following this link:

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/opinion/news/article.cfm?c_id=466&objectid=11126651&ref=rss

At sea

The beautiful marine reserve environment of Motu Manawa (Pollen Island) where we are working is a constant reminder to us of the vital need to protect it. At the same time, we are mindful of the risks to our people who are working beside the tidal area as well as close to motorway traffic. In addition to our regular personal and environmental safety gear, our equipment lists include auto-inflating, self-righting life jackets fitted with emergency whistles and flashing lights for night use, as well as sea and river spill kits, air quality and noise monitors, vibration meters and inclinometers to measure ground movement.



Close proximity - SH16, wick drains and Motu Manawa marine reserve at low tide. Photo by Greg Kempthorne



View towards Te Atatu Peninsula with SH16 in the foreground. Photo by Greg Kempthorne

On land

Brigitte, our Environment Officer, made an exciting find this week. A dotterel and her nest of three eggs are roosting on our site. Dotterel are an endangered species in NZ and we have sought the advice of the Department of Conservation to ensure the birds have the best chance of survival. Fortunately, Brigitte had her camera handy when the birds were first located and she took these photos for us to enjoy.

If you would like to learn more about the dotterel, here's a link to a summary information page:

www.doc.govt.nz/Documents/conservation/native-animals/birds/nzdotforweb.pdf

Adult dotterel and eggs found on site



Your feedback

Next week we will issue a short online survey to ask for your feedback on what we're doing well and where there's room for improvement. We would appreciate taking five minutes of your time to complete the multi-choice questions to help us "make our 'boat' go faster". Our families and your collective support for our work are fuelling our ambition to get the job done well, safely, and as soon as we can.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend, on behalf of the team.

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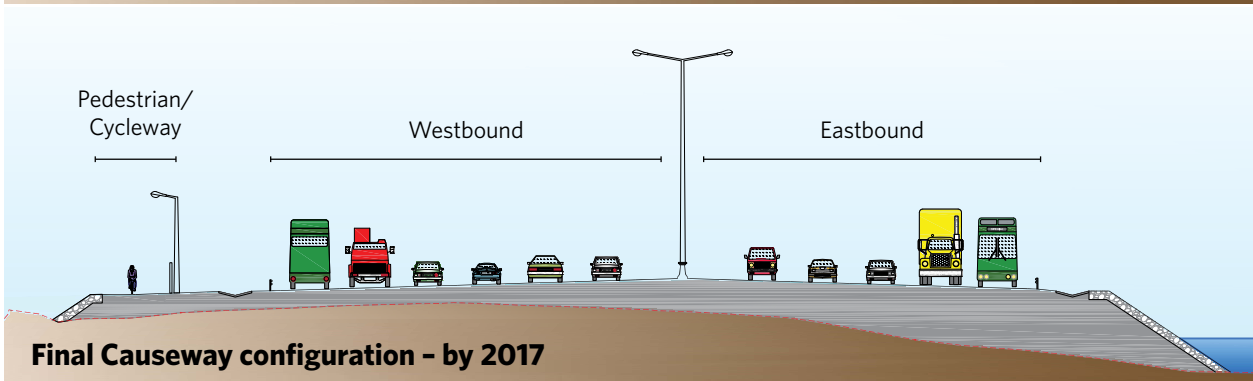
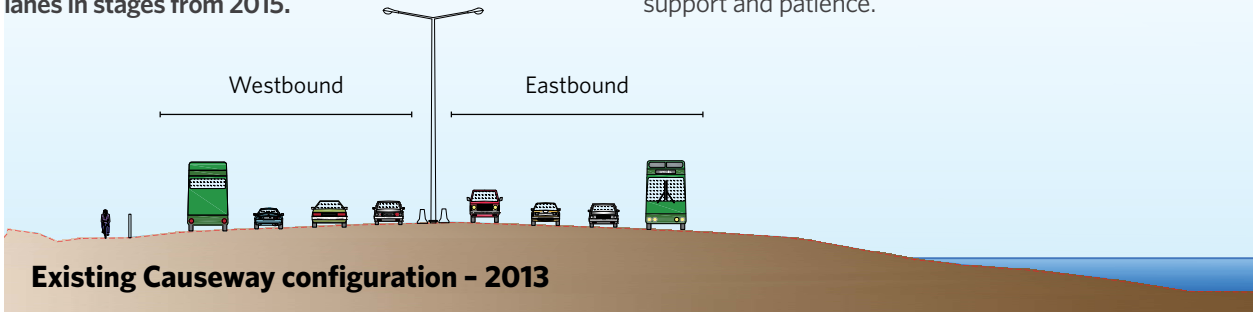
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More SH16 Lanes by 2017

Work is in progress on the Causeway Upgrade Project to raise and widen State Highway 16 and the shared pedestrian/cycleway between Great North Road and Te Atatu. Temporary lane layout changes will be in place. The existing bus shoulder lanes will be closed to give project workers necessary safe space to complete the motorway widening work. **We expect to open new bus lanes in stages from 2015.**

The Causeway Upgrade Project is one in a series of projects to complete the Western Ring Route, giving Auckland a better transport network with more options for travel. There will be a lot of construction in progress until 2017 while we get the job done as safely and quickly as possible. Please travel with care and allow extra time to get to your destination safely. We appreciate your support and patience.



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