

CAUSEWAY NEWS

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First new tarmac placed

The first permanent pavement of the Causeway Upgrade Project was placed last week. The stretch of tarmac in the photo is what eventually will be the new westbound on-ramp to State Highway 16 at Great North Road. The existing on-ramp is visible on the right of the photo.



More lanes are a step closer

Since August last year work has been in progress to the area on the harbour side of the existing north-western motorway where new lanes will be built. The aerial photo below taken by Greg Kempthorne in February shows two large sections of reclamation still with a significant gap in between them.



Harbour side of the Causeway being reclaimed

In the last month our team has worked hard to 'close the gap' and achieved that milestone on 11 March (see photo below). This section of the job has involved placing 152,000 tonnes of material and working closely with our geotechnical engineers and Auckland Council to ensure plant (excavators, trucks, diggers, cranes and the wick drain rig) would remain stable, and that erosion and sediment control requirements have been met. The additional challenges of working with soft soils, tides and king tides have added complexity to the job.



SH16 MOTORWAY ON-RAMP CLOSED THIS WEEKEND

The Great North Road westbound on-ramp to State Highway 16 (the northwestern) will be closed this weekend while it is upgraded.

- On-ramp closed 9pm Fri 28 to 5am Mon 31 March
- Please use alternate routes
- Avoid driving during peak hours (12-4pm on Sat and Sun)
- www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh16causeway

Thank you for your co-operation.

Great North Road westbound on-ramp closure

The next stage of transferring traffic from the existing westbound on-ramp towards the new one at Great North Road will take place this weekend, 28-31 March. That on-ramp to the north-western motorway will be fully closed from 9pm Friday to 5am Monday and drivers are asked to use alternate routes, particularly during the hours of midday to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday when traffic volumes are usually heaviest. Detour routes will be clearly marked.

Lusi's sunrise

Dawn at the Causeway Alliance base on Friday 14 March brought with it spectacular skies as we anticipated the arrival of tropical cyclone Lusi's tail. Fortunately the weather event turned out to be less severe than any of us we were expecting and we are able to look back in more relaxed fashion at the stunning skies that Josh (Site Engineer - Structures) and Patrick (Quality Assurance and Systems Manager) captured on camera early that Friday morning.

New life from trees to schools

Local schools in Te Atatu have new wooden playground stepping stones to the delight of the children. The timber rounds were cut for us by Dean of Custom Wiring from trees felled on the project. The re-use of approved timber varieties by the local community is aligned with the conditions set out in the Board of Inquiry conditions for the project.



World Highways

We would like to thank the publisher and editor of World Highways, which is produced in Kent (UK) and distributed internationally, who chose to feature the project on the cover of the latest issue. To read about the project follow: worldhighways.com/latest-issue/global/march-2014/



Night Works - median panels being installed

SH16/north-western motorway night works from late March to early April 2014

We will be working on State Highway 16 at night from 11pm to 5am on the following dates to install concrete wall panels adjacent to the piers in the middle of the motorway west of Great North Road:

- Sun 23, Mon, 24, Tues 25, Weds 26, Thurs 27, Sun 30 and Mon 31 March
- Tues 1, Weds 2 and Thurs 3 April

The night works will include a full closure of the westbound lanes between the Great North Road off-ramp and on-ramp, which is about 800m. The eastbound carriageway will be reduced to one lane. In line with our noise management plan agreed by Auckland Council we will ensure our noise levels are monitored and remain within our permitted limits.

More information

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