

## Waikato and Bay of Plenty state highway works for June 2024

Fieldays is well underway for 2024, with the event starting on Wednesday and continuing through to Saturday.

Weather predicted for today is less than ideal for travelling so road users heading to Fieldays are advised to take care, says NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi Regional Manager Maintenance and Operations, Roger Brady.

“A reminder that State Highway 21 Airport Road, State Highway 1 and State Highway 1C interchange at Tamahere are likely to be severely congested through to end of Saturday, with motorists encouraged to plan ahead and expect long queues and delays. An alternative option to driving yourself to Fieldays is to take advantage of the free buses on offer,” says Mr Brady. [More information](#),

With weather events like today becoming more frequent, Waikato and Bay of Plenty motorists are reminded to adjust their driving to keep themselves and other road users safe. NZTA contractors will be monitoring road and weather conditions so they can quickly respond to flooding and slips.

“Simple guidelines for winter travelling include; ensuring your vehicle is safe before you drive, always driving to the road and weather conditions, allowing more time for your travel, slowing down, being prepared for unexpected hazards and allowing greater following distance between you and the vehicle ahead.

“The room for mistakes is increased when road and weather conditions are less favourable, and we don’t want anyone’s mistake to end in an avoidable tragedy.

“Most important though is to plan your journey, check weather and road conditions, choose the safest route and if possible, avoid travelling in extreme weather conditions,” says Mr Brady.

Please remember that road closures and any temporary speed restrictions are put in place for the safety of you, other road users and road workers, and these need to be followed.

Finally, check the NZTA Journey Planner ([journeys.nzta.govt.nz](https://journeys.nzta.govt.nz)) before leaving home to ensure you have the latest information on the state highway network.

**Note:** Over the winter months this traffic bulletin will be issued fortnightly.

### **Bay of Plenty**

#### **Tauranga**

- **Takitimu North Link Stage 1:** Traffic management will be in place on Minden Road from Monday 17 June to Friday 21 June from 7am to 6pm for utility works. There will be stop/go in place for watermain works along Loop Road, there will be a reduced speed limit of 30km/h in place. [More information](#).
- **SH29 Takitimu Drive Toll Road (TDTR):** A reduced speed limit of 80km/h is in place while Takitimu North Link crews are working behind the barriers. [More information](#)
- **SH29 Takitimu Drive Toll Road (TDTR):** Resurfacing continues on the southbound lane (from Tauranga to Tauriko) from Sunday 16 June to Thursday 20 June. The southbound lane will be closed to all traffic overnight from 8.30pm to 5am each night. Motorists should expect uneven surfaces and a 30km/h reduced speed limit during the day. A detour is available for all traffic via SH2, Moffat Road then Cambridge Road. [More information](#).
- **Cambridge/Moffat roads:** A section of Cambridge Road East from Moffat Road to St Andrews roundabout will be closed while the new intersection joining onto Moffat Road is constructed.

Detours and temporary speed limits are in place for the closed section of Cambridge Road East. [More Information](#)

- **SH36 Pyes Pā:** Drainage maintenance will take place from Monday 17 June through to Thursday 20 June between Oropi Gorge Road and Williams Road between 9am and 4pm each day. Traffic management and a 30km/h speed limit will be in place. Motorists should expect short delays.
- **SH2 Tauranga Harbour bridge:** From Sunday 16 June to Thursday 20 June there will be lane closures on the Tauranga Harbour bridge at night between 8pm and 6am. There will be a 50km/h temporary speed limit to allow contractors to undertake repairs to the fender structures and general concrete repair work.
- **SH2 Bay Link:** In the coming weeks, daytime lane closures during off-peak hours will be required across the project site for surface inspections.

On Monday 17 June (from approx. 8pm or later to 5am) Maunganui Road southbound will be closed between Concord Avenue and SH2/SH29A Te Maunga interchange. A detour via Concord Avenue, Oceanbeach Road, Omanu Way, Maranui Street, Sandhurst Drive and Sandhurst interchange will be in place.

In the week commencing Sunday 23 June, various road and/or lane closures will be required for final sign installation. This will include a closure of Maunganui Road southbound between Concord Avenue and Bayfair roundabout with a detour via Concord Avenue, Oceanbeach Road and Girven Road, as well as a closure of Maunganui Road northbound between SH2/SH29A Te Maunga interchange and Bayfair roundabout. For those travelling from Tauranga Eastern Link towards Bayfair roundabout, a signposted detour will be available via SH2/Bayfair flyover and the Golf Road roundabout. For those travelling from SH29A towards Bayfair roundabout, a signposted detour will be available via Truman Lane, Mangatawa Link Road, Sandhurst interchange, SH2/Bayfair flyover and the Golf Road roundabout). These works are weather dependent, and closures will vary night to night, depending on site requirements and progress.

[More Information](#)

- **SH2 Tauranga Eastern Link Toll Road:** A 2km section of SH2, just past the Kaituna River bridge, will be reduced to a single lane in each direction to allow construction of the Pāpāmoa East interchange to progress. This closure will remain in place for the duration of construction, with a temporary 70km/h speed limit in place. [More information.](#)
- **SH2 Tauranga Eastern Link Toll Road (TELTR):** The Quayside Properties Ltd-led Rangiora Business Park Interchange project continues. Temporary barriers are in place until approximately August 2024, with 1 lane available in either direction. A temporary speed limit of 70km/h applies through the site. [More information.](#)

### Western Bay of Plenty

- **SH2 Waihi to Ōmokoroa:** Service relocations are underway between Lund Road and Wright Road, with lane and shoulder closures in place, and daytime temporary speed restrictions. There will be intermittent stop/go traffic management which may cause longer delays. Please follow the temporary signs and directions of the traffic management team and watch for layout changes.
- **SH2 Apata Curves:** Road widening works are underway. Contra flow is in place with speed restrictions. There will be intermittent stop/go traffic management in place which may cause longer delays.
- **SH2/Pahoia Road:** Safety improvements are underway. Contra flow in place with speed restrictions. There will be intermittent stop/go traffic management in place which may cause longer delays.
- **SH2 Ōmokoroa Road:** Shoulder closures and speed reductions are in place near the SH2/Ōmokoroa Road intersection as early works take place ahead of the Western Bay of Plenty District Council-led Ōmokoroa intersection upgrade project. [More information.](#)

- SH29 Tauriko/Redwood Lane:** Work continues on Redwood Lane and on SH29 south of Belk Road and north of Redwood Lane as part of the SH29 Tauriko Enabling Works project. On Sunday 16 June, from approx. 7pm to 5am, stop/go and a 30km/h reduced speed limit will be in place on SH29 between north of Redwood Lane and south of Gargan Road for safety barrier repairs. From Sunday 30 June to Wednesday 3 July, from approx. 7pm to 5am each night, stop/go and a 30km/h reduced speed limit will be in place for installation of the final safety barrier on SH29, south of Belk Road.  
 Traffic management including shoulder closures and mobile operations will be in place during daytime off-peak hours for oversized truck movements and the construction of the site entry point. Minor traffic delays are expected. People are asked to drive and cycle with extra care through the SH29/Redwood Lane and Belk Road area while people adjust to the new traffic management and the reduced speed limit of 70km/h. [More information.](#)
- SH2 Ōtamarākau:** Work is underway on SH2 to install a flexible median barrier near the intersection of Old Coach Road. Road users should expect minor delays through this area while the work is completed over the next week. Temporary speed restrictions will be in place and at times parts of SH2 and Old Coach Road will be reduced to a single lane with stop go traffic management to enable this work to be done safely.
- SH2 Pikowai:** From Wednesday 19 June for 2 days, work will take place on a guardrail extension at the intersection of SH2 and Mimiha Road. There will be a temporary speed limit of 30km/h with stop/go in place from 8am to 4pm each day.

#### **Rotorua**

- SH30 Eastern Corridor Stage Two:** Temporary traffic management along this section will be reduced until the final resurfacing later in the year when the sealing season starts up again and the overnight temperatures are warmer. [More information.](#)
- SH33 Te Ngae Junction to Paengaroa:** Approximately 6km north of Ōkere Falls on SH33, pavement construction is underway and minor traffic delays can be expected. Other work includes road widening, installing safety barriers and improving drainage. Temporary traffic management is in place including stop/go, lane shifts, shoulder closures and reduced speed limits. [More information](#)

#### **Eastern Bay of Plenty**

- SH2 Waioeka Gorge:** Contractors have returned this week to complete the road resurfacing and repairing of the guardrail near Oponae in the Waioeka Gorge, this work is expected to take 2 weeks to complete.
- SH34 Kawerau – Tarawera River bridge walkway:** Upgrades to the walkway over the Tarawera River in Kawerau continue until the end of June. The old walkway is being demolished and a new steel walkway will be built. There is stop/go in place between 6.30am and 5.30pm Monday to Saturday, when there is no work taking place on site traffic signals will be operating. Scaffolding will be in place under the bridge, so the waterway can be protected, and workers can be kept safe during construction. [More information](#)

#### **Tairāwhiti Gisborne/Hawke's Bay**

- SH5 Napier to Taupō:** Recovery alliance Transport Rebuild East Coast (TREC) continues to progress safety improvements, as well as repair, recovery and maintenance activities at multiple sites on SH5 between Eskdale and Waipunga. While this work takes place, there will be stop/go traffic management, traffic reduced to one lane, and temporary 30km/h and 50km/h speed limits from 7am to 6pm. Temporary speed restrictions will also remain in place at night in some areas. Overall, please expect cumulative delays of up to 40 minutes if travelling the whole of SH5 (Napier to Taupō) and on SH2 from Napier to Tūtira. [More information.](#)

#### **Waikato**

- A variety of safety improvements across the Waikato have started, these will contribute towards making the roads safer. The programme of works includes a mixture of new and modified signage, new hazard warning signs, roadside safety/barrier guard rail, road widening, improved road lines and improved road markings. It is expected there will be minimal disruption for motorists while this work is completed. The works will take place until the end of June 2024. [More information.](#)

### East Waikato

- **SH25 Coromandel:** Drainage repair and clearance is continuing between Waihī and Whiritoa. [More information.](#)
- **SH25 Ruamahunga:** The existing single lane stop/go traffic management around the major repair site at the northern end of Ruamahunga Bay has been extended to incorporate a recent slip after a large tree fell 30 metres down a bank and blocked the road. Work at both sites is expected to be completed and the road restored to two lanes within the next two weeks, weather permitting.
- **SH2 Karangahake Gorge:** Work continues to repair an underslip opposite Victoria Battery. It is expected these works will be completed by the end of the June, and traffic will be restored to two lanes before Matariki weekend.
- **SH27 Matamata:** From Sunday 23 June, for 3 nights there will be a road closure on SH27 Firth Street, Matamata between Short Street and Ratcliffe Street. Work will take place at night from 8pm to 5am each night. During the day there will be temporary traffic management in place with a reduced speed limit of 30km/h. There will be detours available for all vehicles.

### Central Waikato

- **SH1 Ātiamuri:** Road widening work is wrapping up ahead of safety barrier installation, from the Waikato River bridge south to Thorpe Road. There is a mix of speed restrictions through the 6km worksite.
- **SH1 East Taupō Arterial:** Road widening continues ahead of flexible safety barrier installation, between SH5/Napier Road and the airport roundabout. One lane is open in each direction with speed restrictions in place. Completion is expected mid-2024. [More information.](#)
- **SH41 Tokaanu:** Due to a washout, the road is down to one lane under temporary traffic lights, with a 30km/h temporary speed restriction in place. Works to repair the washout are due to begin in July and will take 6 weeks to complete.

### West Waikato

- **SH1C Waikato Expressway - Te Rapa Bypass:** Resurfacing work continues at the northern end of the Te Rapa section, with the Horotiu northbound offramp closed for up to 2 weeks and traffic reduced to one lane in each direction and shifted on to the southbound lanes with speed restrictions in place. Later in June work will switch to begin on the southbound lanes, with a closure of the Horotiu southbound onramp. More information will be provided when the date for this closure is known. [More information.](#)
- **SH1 Waikato Expressway - Ngāruawāhia section:** Safety improvements and remedial works continue with traffic managed through the site with a single lane in each direction. Within the current work site there is a temporary speed limit of 80km/h for 2-lane sections, speeds are further reduced to 70km/h and 50km/h for 1-lane sections. [More information.](#)
- **SH1 Greenwood/Lincoln Streets, Hamilton:** Road repairs are taking place between Edgar Street and Killarney Road on SH1 for 3 nights, starting on Monday 17 June. The work will take place between 8pm to 5am each night with stop/go in place.

- **Mystery Creek Fieldays:** The Fieldays event is currently underway and all roads around Mystery Creek south of Hamilton are heavily congested. The event continues until Saturday 15 June, for people travelling in and around the Waikato state highway network, alternative routes and travel arrangements are recommended. [More information.](#)
- **SH1 Cambridge:** For 3 nights, starting from Sunday 16 June between 8pm and 5am each night, road repairs on the southbound lanes of the Cambridge section, south of Victoria Road interchange, will take place. The southbound lanes will be closed with vehicles moved to the northbound lanes under stop/go traffic management. The southern Cambridge southbound on-ramp will also be closed with vehicles detoured via Thermal explorer Highway, Achilles Avenue, Albert Street, Queen Street, Victoria Street, re-joining SH1 Southbound at the Victoria Street interchange.
- **SH1 Karāpiro (Hickey Road):** The finishing touches are being applied to the fifth turnaround bay in the SH1 Cambridge to Piarere safety improvements project, just north of Hickey Road. Along with constructing the turnaround bay, we've widened the entrance road at the weigh station on SH1, between Hickey and Hydro Roads, and will be installing median and side safety barriers. Night works began Tuesday 4 June, to undertake new line marking, followed by the removal of existing line marking and the installation of barriers. This work will continue overnight on Sunday to Friday, between 7pm and 6am, until late June (weather dependent). Motorists should expect delays as there will be periods of alternating stop/go traffic management. [More information](#)
- **SH1 Karāpiro:** The finishing touches are being applied to a new section of median barrier between Keeley's Reserve and Moana Roa Road. Temporary traffic management remains in place, including a temporary speed limit of 50km/h. Work is on track to be completed by late June 2024. [More information](#)
- **SH1/SH29 Piarere intersection:** Construction is underway on the southern side of the roundabout, with the Tīrau approach road being built. To safely accommodate this work, traffic south of the roundabout has been moved onto a recently constructed section of road adjacent to SH1. This is a short bypass road which rejoins SH1 before the intersection, which continues to operate as normal. This arrangement is expected to remain in place until September 2024, when construction will commence on the next approach road and another temporary layout change will be put in place. More information will be provided to road users ahead of each change in layout. Motorists are reminded to drive with care through the site. A temporary speed limit of 60km/h is in place around the project site to protect road workers and ensure the safety of everyone travelling through the area. [More information](#)
- **SH31 Kāwhia Road:** Slip repairs run for about 2 weeks from Monday 17 June, and require daytime closures. The road will be closed between 8am-5pm each weekday, however, will open for 30 minutes at 11am and 2pm each day. After hours and on weekends the site will be single lane with stop/go in place and a speed restriction. Another smaller repair job has started further west on SH31 near Kāwhia Harbour Road. There is a lane closure with stop/go traffic management, and the occasional 5-minute closure to move machinery. Outside work hours the site is controlled by give way signs.

#### North Waikato

- **SH1 Pioneer Road (North):** The Pioneer Road northbound off-ramp remains closed. Motorists should continue on SH1 and exit at Pōkeno northbound off-ramp, turn around at McDonald Road and head south using Pōkeno southbound on-ramp on SH1 to get off at Pioneer Road (South). Slip repairs will be ongoing until Tuesday 25 June.
- **SH1 Nikau Road/ Ridge Road:** There will be a full northbound closure between Nikau Road on-ramp and Ridge Road off-ramp from Sunday 16 to Tuesday 18 June between 9pm and 5am for road for road resurfacing. Traffic will need to exit at Ridge Road northbound off-ramp, continue on Ridge Road to use the Nikau Road northbound on-ramp.

- **SH1 Mercer interchange to Pokeno interchange:** There will be a full northbound closure on Thursday 20 June between 10pm and 5am for general maintenance. Traffic will still be able to travel north using one of the southbound lanes.
- **SH1 Hampton Downs to Island Block Road:** There will be a full northbound closure on Monday 17 June between 10pm and 5am for line marking to take place. Traffic will still be able to travel north using one of the southbound lanes.
- **SH1 Hampton Downs:** The northbound off-ramp will be closed on Sunday 16 June between 8pm and 5am for road resurfacing. Please use alternative off-ramps at Springhill Road or Te Kauwhata Road. There will also be full southbound closure between Hampton Downs southbound off-ramp and on-ramp. Stop/ go traffic management will be in place at Hampton Downs.
- **SH1 Rangiriri interchange to Hampton Downs:** There will be a full northbound closure on Sunday 23 June between 8pm and 5am. Please use the recommended via Te Wharepu Road, Rodda Road, Hall Road, Summertime Lane, Paddy Road and Whangamarino Road.
- **SH2 Oleary Road to Baird Road:** Stop/go traffic management will be in place on Thursday 20 June between 9pm to 5am for road resurfacing.
- **SH2 McPherson Road to Pinnacle Hill Road:** Stop/go traffic management will be in place on Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 June between 9pm to 5am for road resurfacing.
- **SH2 Rawiri Road to Maxwell Road:** Stop/go traffic management will be in place on Thursday 20 June between 9pm to 5am for road resurfacing.

### Taranaki

- **SH3 Te Ara Tutohu Waitara to Bell Block:** Until the end of June, Princess Street will be closed between SH3 and Armstrong Avenue to everyone except residents while roadworks continue. Crews are now ready to start on the final pieces of work for the roundabout and pedestrian underpass. This will include completing the roundabout itself, installing streetlights on SH3, and laying down asphalt. To allow this work to take place safely and efficiently, the temporary roundabout at the SH3/Princess Street intersection has been removed and the road reduced to one lane until late June 2024. During this time stop/go traffic management will be in place, road users are advised to expect delays of up to 5 minutes. A temporary 30km/h speed limit will be in place at all times. The roundabout is expected to be complete by mid-2024. [More information.](#)
- **SH3 Waitara Road, Bell Block:** From Monday 13 May until the end of June, there will be a 30km/h temporary speed limit in place on SH3 through the intersections with Waitara Road and Raleigh Street and on Raleigh Street from the intersection of SH3 through to the intersection with Tate Road. SH3 will remain open to two lanes of traffic at all times. There will be no right turn into Raleigh Street. Tate Road, from the intersection with Raleigh Street through to SH3, will be closed to everyone except residents. This will allow workers to complete necessary work on the road in preparation for it connecting with the roundabout. All properties on SH3, Raleigh Street and Tate Road will be accessible for residents during these works.
- **SH4 Paroparowhero Culvert Replacement:** Construction has been progressing well to install the culvert on State Highway 4 north of Taumarunui, between the intersection of SH43 and Okahukura Bridge Road. From Tuesday 4 June, the road was reinstated to two lanes under a temporary speed limit of 30km/hr. The site will be held by a temporary seal over the winter months, until it can be fully rebuilt during the summer construction season.

The above information is accurate at the time of release. Many of the above works are dependent on a number of factors, particularly weather, and may be postponed at short notice. For up-to-date information on road works, traffic, detours and delays, motorists are encouraged to visit the NZTA Journey Planner website ([journeys.nzta.govt.nz](https://journeys.nzta.govt.nz)).

NZTA thanks motorists for their patience while we complete this essential work to keep the state highway network safe, accessible and resilient.

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