

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

The first shoots of new growth are a sign it's the start of spring, and it also sees road construction crews preparing for the annual road renewal season.

Crews will be out completing pre-seal repairs ahead of chipsealing, as well as undertaking the first road rebuilding and asphalt resurfacing works, says Sandra King, NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi Bay of Plenty System Manager.

"This summer is going to be a significant one for our roading crews, which are focused on completing a large programme of work, and it will impact people's journeys for the next 6 months or more.

"The sheer volume of work they need to get through means road users are likely to come across multiple worksites on their journey. It's critical everyone plans ahead and understands how their journey will be impacted so they can reach their destination on time."

People are encouraged to use the NZTA Journey Planner ([journeys.nzta.govt.nz](https://journeys.nzta.govt.nz)) to view all disruptive activity and potential hazards on the network. Other channels such as social media and this weekly traffic bulletin highlight key worksites that will cause significant disruption.

"Our road workers will be completing work as quickly as possible, and a lot of planning is taking place to minimise disruption as much as possible," says Ms King.

"When you do come up to a worksite remember to give our crews a wave and a smile, they'll appreciate the recognition of their hard work for improving the regions roading network."

### **Bay of Plenty**

#### **Tauranga**

- **Zespri AIMS Games:** The Zespri AIMS Games, Australasia's largest junior sporting event, kicks off in Tauranga on Saturday 7 September with over 20,000 people descending on the city, The opening ceremonies are at Mercury Arena on Sunday 8 September at 3pm and 7pm. Athletes are encouraged to use free park and ride buses to get to the opening ceremonies. An influx of people to the region will also bring higher traffic volumes to popular venues and is likely to cause potential delays on the main arterial routes in, through and around the city. [More information](#)
- **SH2 Takitimu North Link Stage 1:** Daytime shoulder closures and stop/go traffic management on Minden Road continue until early October while utility works are underway.
- **SH2/Fifteenth Ave:** Major works to build the connection from Fifteenth Ave to SH29/Takitimu Drive Toll Road will be underway from mid-September. Works involve the building of a 120m large retaining wall and earthworks, prior to the Fifteenth Ave bridge construction. One lane at SH2/Fifteenth Ave near Edgcumbe Road will be closed while this work takes place. This is likely to remain in place until mid-2026. Local people and those passing through this area should be prepared for disruption over the construction season; there will be delays and changes to the road layout as we complete this work.
- **SH29 Takitimu Drive Toll Road (TDTR):** A reduced speed limit of 70km/h is in place while Takitimu North Link Stage 1 crews are working behind the barriers. [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.

This work is on track to be completed late September. Detours and temporary speed limits are in place for the closed section of Cambridge Road East. [More Information](#)

- **SH2 Bay Link:** Work on directional signage means overnight closures are needed on Monday 9 September and Tuesday 10 September at night (from approximately 7pm to 5am), affecting Maunganui Road southbound lane, between Concord Avenue and Bayfair roundabout. A signposted detour via Concord Avenue, Paterson Street, and Girven Road will apply. A further overnight closure on Wednesday 11 September and Thursday 12 September (from approximately 7pm to 5am) will affect the Maunganui Road northbound lane, between Bayfair roundabout and Concord Avenue. A signposted detour via Girven Road, Paterson Street, Concord Avenue, Oceanbeach Road and Golf Road will apply. All work is weather dependent. Please note other works are underway in the area, including Tauranga City Council's works at the Oceanbeach Road, Maranui Street and Girven Road intersection. For more information and detour routes visit. [nzta.govt.nz/baylink-traffic](https://nzta.govt.nz/baylink-traffic).
- **SH2 Tauranga Eastern Link Toll Road (TELTR):** The Tauranga City Council led project continues. A 2km section of SH2, just past the Kaituna River bridge continues to 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 TELTR:** The Quayside Properties Ltd-led Rangiuru Business Park Interchange project continues. Temporary barriers remain in place until late September 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 Ōmokoroa Road:** The Western Bay of Plenty led project continues with road widening and service relocation work underway in preparation for the new roundabout. Lane shifts are in place along with speed restrictions. There will be intermittent stop/go traffic management in place which may cause longer delays, especially during peak times. Follow the temporary signs and directions of the traffic management team and watch for layout changes. [More information](#).
- **SH2 Apata Station Road:** Road widening works are underway in preparation for the new roundabout. Lane shifts are in place along with speed restrictions. There will be intermittent stop/go traffic management in place which may cause longer delays. Follow the temporary signs and directions of the traffic management team and watch for layout changes.
- **SH2 Te Puna:** Night works will take place near the Te Puna roundabout from Sunday 8 September for 9 weeknights. Between 7pm and 5am, Sunday to Thursday morning the first week and Sunday to Friday morning the second week, there will be stop/go in place. During the day, a reduced speed limit will be in place due to changes in the road's surface levels. Ramps will help traffic transition through the site. The northbound lane (towards Katikati) will be rebuilt first to minimise disruption for city bound traffic during the AIMS Games. [More information](#)
- **SH29 Tauriko/Redwood Lane:** Project construction continues on multiple worksites on SH29, with shoulder closures and mobile operations in place. People are asked to drive and cycle with extra care on SH29, particularly between Redwood Lane and Belk Road, and between Gargan Road and Cambridge Road. Through the Tauriko Village/Cambridge Road section people can expect to see site establishment works including vegetation clearance, surveying, power line removal and ecology works taking place in the coming week, with shoulder closures and intermittent mobile traffic operations. Planned night works from 8pm Monday 16 September and 8pm Tuesday 17 September north of Redwood Lane will see stop/go and a temporary speed limit of 30km/h in place between 8pm and 5am each night to extend safety barriers on SH29. Moderate traffic delays are expected. [More information](#).

- **SH29 Kaimai Range:** The Kaimai Range will be closed overnight from Sunday 15 September to Thursday 19 September – inclusive (5 nights), from 8pm to 3.30am each night, to allow road resurfacing and maintenance to take place. The closure points on the western side of the Kaimai Range are at the SH29/24 and SH29/28 intersections and on the eastern side of the Kaimai Range at the SH29/Cambridge Road intersection. Detours are available for all vehicles southbound via Rotorua and northbound via SH2 Karangahake Gorge. Emergency services will have access at all times, residents can access their property from the relevant side of the closure. [More information](#)
- **SH2 Pongakawa:** Road rehabilitation continues on SH2 near Pongakawa School Road. This work is expected to be completed late September, with contractors on site from 6am to 6pm Monday to Saturday with stop/go traffic management in place, delays are to be expected.
- **SH2 Ōtamarākau:** Road rehabilitation will start mid-September on SH2 near Ōtamarākau Valley Road. This work is expected to take 6 weeks to complete with crews on site from 6am to 6pm Monday to Saturday with stop/go traffic management in place, delays are to be expected.

### **Rotorua**

- **SH30 Eastern Corridor Stage Two:** Construction of a new footpath and handrail north of the Iles Road intersection continues. While this work is underway the northbound lane will be closed between the Iles Road and Basley Road intersection, including the footpath. We expect this work to be finished in the coming week, weather permitting. SH30 Te Ngae Road will be closed for 5 nights, between 8pm and 5am, from 8pm Sunday 15 September to 5am Friday 20 September, between Basley Road and Ōwhata roundabout. Detours will be in place via Vaughan Road/Ōwhata Road. A temporary speed limit of 50km/h remains in place between Tumene Drive and the Ōwhata roundabout until resurfacing is completed. [More information](#)
- **SH36 Mangorewa Gorge:** Work is progressing well between Mangorewa Gorge and Hamurana. The closure is now complete, however stop/go traffic lights remain in place from 8am to 4pm each day from the Mangorewa track to just south of the worksite and also near the Hamurana intersection. This work is due to be completed by mid-September. [More information](#)

### **Eastern Bay of Plenty**

- **SH34 Kawerau:** Road rehabilitation work will begin at Onepū near Kawerau on Monday 16 September, taking 5 weeks to complete, weather permitting. SH34 will be closed between Charteris Road and the SH30/34 intersection between 8am and 4pm each day. There will be a detour in place via SH34 for all vehicles.
- **SH35 Opape:** Slip repair work continues near Opape Beach Road and is expected to finish in late September. The work will take place between 6am and 6pm each day, with a lane closure and stop/go traffic management. Motorists can expect delays of up to 10 minutes.
- **SH2 Waioeka Gorge:** Strengthening repairs have started on the Manganuku Bridge on SH2. The repairs which include steel works, pad repairs and water blasting will take approximately 3 months with completion at the end of October. While the work is underway a temporary speed limit of 30km/h will be in place throughout the worksite.

### **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. Overall, please expect cumulative delays of up to 20 minutes if travelling the whole of SH5 (Napier to Taupō). [More information.](#)

### **Waikato**

#### **SH1 Tīrau to Putāruru**

- **First Closure:** SH1 has a number of closures coming up as part of the accelerated maintenance project in central and southern Waikato. The first closure starts from 7am Monday 9 September from the roundabout just south of Tīrau (SH1/SH5) to the intersection of SH28 with SH1 just north of Putāruru: This is for 4 weeks, with the detour via SH28 and SH5. Both Tīrau and Putāruru townships will not be affected by these closures, both are still fully open for business as usual.
- **Multi-Closure:** The next SH1 closure will be from Ātiamuri to Wairakei from 16 September (day closures only) for 3 weeks.  
There will be more closures along SH1 across the next 16 months as part of intense rebuild and repair work. All work before Christmas 2024 will be north of Taupō. You can keep up to date by signing up to our email newsletter. [More information](#)

### East Waikato

- **SH25:** As we move into drier weather motorists can expect an increase in activity as our teams work to repair remaining storm damaged sites on SH25 around the Coromandel Peninsula. Repairs to an underslip at Tramway Gully between Hikuai and Opoutere are underway, with stop/go traffic management and a 30km/h temporary speed limit in place 24/7 to ensure safety for both the crew on site and people driving through. This work is expected to be finished later this month. Slip repairs are also underway between Kūaotunu and Wharekaho. A temporary speed limit and stop/go traffic management will be in place during working hours, with a shoulder closure outside working hours. Work is expected to start later this month at Pumpkin Hill and near Matarangi. [More information](#)

### Central Waikato

- **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 continue and will be completed in early October.

### West Waikato

- **SH1 North of Hamilton:**

**Te Rapa Bypass:** Final resurfacing of SH1C Te Rapa, from the Te Wetini Drive/Wairere Drive overbridge near Wintec through to the Horotiu interchange, is almost complete, with work on the dual laned section of the Expressway now finished. The final stage of this project is to complete resurfacing in the southbound single-laned section of SH1C, which will require a closure of the southbound lane and detours for up to 5 days. Northbound traffic will not be affected. This work is scheduled to begin on the evening of Sunday 8 September. [More information](#)

**Ngāruawāhia section:** Safety improvements and remedial works required to get the Ngāruawāhia section of the Waikato Expressway up to 110km/h standard continue. A new detour is needed while remedial work is underway where SH1C and SH1 merge. SH1C is closed to northbound traffic after the Lake Road off-ramp. All northbound SH1C traffic from Te Rapa/Horotiu will turn at the Northern interchange and go south on SH1 to turn around at Resolution interchange and proceed north on SH1. This 24-hour detour runs from Friday 6 September for about 2 months. The detour will add about 8 minutes to journeys. [Detour Map](#)

**Rangiriri section:** Line-marking is under way between Rangiriri and Te Kawhautā with daytime ramp closures and a temporary speed restriction of 70km/h between 9am and 3pm each weekday. Completion will depend on weather and temperatures. Access on and off the highway will be maintained at all times - look for updates on fixed and mobile VMS boards in the area.

**Hamilton section:** From Sunday 8 September at night the single-laned section of SH1C southbound at Te Rapa will be closed for up to five days, reopening each morning between 5am

and 9am to allow peak hour traffic through. The northbound lanes will not be affected. While the road is closed traffic can either exit SH1C at the Horotiu Interchange and use Te Rapa Road and Wairere Drive or take the Koura Drive offramp, Onion Road, Ruffell Road and Arthur Porter Drive to rejoin Mangaharakeke Drive.

- **SH31 Puti Bluffs:** Work to repair a slip on SH31 at Puti Bluffs near Kāwhia continues. Work is expected to finish in early October. Work will be taking place Monday to Friday between 7am and 5pm each day, however this is dependent on tidal conditions.
- **SH1/SH29 Piarere intersection:** Great progress has been made on the new roundabout and motorists can look forward to travelling over it shortly. On Tuesday 24 September we're opening 2 temporary approaches to the roundabout, while work continues on the third (Tīrau) approach. To enable the traffic switch, a SH1 southbound lane closure is required so a temporary tie-in to the intersection can be constructed. The 1-day SH1 southbound closure will take place from 6am (subject to weather), impacting Hamilton to Tīrau traffic. Motorists will be required to detour via SH29, SH27, to SH1 adding around 12 minutes to journey times. Northbound traffic will not be impacted, and access will remain for residents, school buses and emergency services. Once the temporary tie-in is completed, the SH1 southbound lane is expected to re-open early Tuesday evening, with the SH1 (Cambridge) and SH29 roundabout approaches in action. Night works will also be carried out on Monday 23 September with stop/go in place from 6pm until 7am to undertake line marking ahead of the closure. There will also be a short period where traffic will be stopped to enable the switch, between 4am and 5am on Tuesday 24 September. A temporary speed limit of 60km/h remains in place around the project site to protect road workers and ensure the safety of everyone travelling. [More information](#)
- **SH30 Te Kūiti:** A road closure will be in place from Rora Street to SH3 Carroll Street for 2 nights from Sunday 8 September for road repairs, from 6pm to 6am each night. While the closure is in place a detour will be available for light vehicles via Rora Street and Ward Street to join SH3. HPMV's and over-dimension vehicles must use Lawrence Street, Tammadge Street, Sommerville Road and Te Kumi Station Road to re-join SH3.

#### North Waikato

- **SH1 Mercer interchange to Island Block Road:** There will be a full southbound closure on Thursday 12 September between 9pm and 5am to carry out multiple maintenance activities. Traffic will still be able to travel south using one of the northbound lanes.
- **SH1 Island Block Road to Hampton Downs:** There will be a full southbound closure on Wednesday 11 September between 9pm and 5am to undertake multiple maintenance activities. Traffic will still be able to travel south using one of the northbound lanes.
- **SH1 Hampton Downs to Rangiriri interchange:** There will be a full southbound closure on Tuesday 10 September between 9pm and 5am to undertake multiple maintenance activities. Please use the recommended detour via Whangamarino Road.

#### Taranaki

- **SH3 Waitara Road, Bell Block:** A small section of Waitara Road will be closed from 15 September to progress safety improvement work on SH3 in Taranaki, this work includes stormwater improvements, the relocation of underground services, and pavement works. During the closure a detour will be in place along Richmond Road, the detour will add an extra 5 minutes to journeys. SH3 through the intersection will remain open to traffic with a 50km/h temporary speed limit in place. [More information](#)

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](http://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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