

Waikato & Bay of Plenty state highway works October 2024

The first new coats of seal have been applied onto various sites across the Waikato and Bay of Plenty state highway network, as fine weather has allowed crews to get out on the roads.

Drivers should err on the side of caution when driving through fresh chipseal, and follow all signs on site, especially temporary speed limits, says Sandra King, Bay of Plenty System Manager at NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA).

“After a new layer of seal has been applied, it takes time for it to ‘bed into’ the existing road surface. Particularly during the first 48 hours, there will be loose chip on the road surface before the road is swept and lines marked. During this time temporary speed limits will be in place to ensure the safety of road users, and to ensure the seal can settle successfully.

“At times, we’ll have several sites on a stretch of road either recently sealed or in the process of being sealed. Please slow down, respect our crews and enjoy your journey. We work hard to minimise delays at sites, and will use detours or other types of traffic management to minimise the number of times people have to stop due to roadworks.

“Our crews are working hard to deliver a large programme for the Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions and everyone involved takes pride in their work. Crews will be off the road by midday on Friday 25 October, ahead of Labour Weekend, to ensure everyone can get to their holiday destination as quickly as possible.

“Crews will be back on the road from the morning of Tuesday 29 October, so for those extending their holiday we recommend you plan ahead and see where disruptive works are,” says Ms King.

People can check the NZTA Journey Planner (journeys.nzta.govt.nz). This is kept up to date in real time so you can see all disruptive activity and potential hazards on the state highway network.

Bay of Plenty

Tauranga

- **SH2 Takitimu North Link Stage 1:** Shoulder closures and stop/go traffic management on Minden Road continue until mid-December while utility works are completed and earthworks get underway.
- **SH2/Fifteenth Ave:** Major works to build the connection from Fifteenth Ave to SH29/Takitimu Drive Toll Road are underway. Works involve the building of a 120m long retaining wall and earthworks, prior to the Fifteenth Ave bridge construction. One lane at SH2/Fifteenth Ave near Edgumbe Road will be closed while this work takes place. This is likely to remain in place until mid-2026. Local residents 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:** A reduced speed limit of 70km/h is in place while Takitimu North Link Stage 1 crews are working behind the barriers. [More information](#)
- **SH29 Tauriko/Redwood Lane:** Project construction is ongoing at multiple sites on SH29. In the SH29 section between Tauriko Village and Cambridge Road, vegetation clearance, building removal, surveying, and ecology activities are continuing. This involves shoulder closures and intermittent mobile traffic operations. From Monday 21 October to Thursday 24 October night works (from approx. 8pm to 5am each night) are scheduled for temporary widening of a small section of Cambridge Road. These works will take place on the eastern side of Cambridge Road,

between 559 Cambridge Road and the SH29/Cambridge Road intersection. During this time, stop/go and a temporary 30km/h speed limit will be in place at night. Motorists and cyclists are urged to drive and ride with extra care, especially in the areas between Redwood Lane and Belk Road, and between Gargan Road and Cambridge Road, and adhere to the reduced speed limits. [More information.](#)

- **SH29 Kaimai Range:** A programme of night works start Sunday night 20 October with a road rebuild near Hanga Lane, taking 2 weeks to complete. The nightworks will take place between 7pm and 6am Monday to Thursday to minimise impact to traffic. When work is underway there will be stop/go traffic management in place. Over the coming 6-8 months there will be several significant worksites to complete. [More information](#)
- **Cambridge/Moffat roads:** The major works in this area are now complete. There will be some upcoming shoulder closures and stop/go traffic management in place over the pending weeks as the remainder of the work is completed. [More Information](#)
- **SH2 Bay Link:** Various lane closures will be in place across the Bay Link site for sign installation (no detours required). On Thursday 24 October and again from Tuesday 29 October to Thursday 31 October (from approximately 8pm to 5am), Truman Lane will be closed in both directions between Baypark and the SH29A roundabout. For all vehicles heading eastbound, a signposted detour via SH2/SH29A Te Maunga interchange, SH2 Tauranga Eastern Link and SH2 Sandhurst interchange will apply. For all vehicles heading westbound, a signposted detour via SH2, SH2/SH29A Te Maunga interchange and SH29A Baypark roundabout will apply. For access to Baypark, please follow the eastbound detour. In addition, until Wednesday 25 October, the Bayfair walking and cycling underpass will be temporarily closed 24/7 for finishing works. People walking and cycling are required to use the Bayfair roundabout pedestrian crossings. For more information and detour routes, visit nzta.govt.nz/baylink-traffic.
- **SH2/SH29A Bay Link:** New permanent speed limits for the Baypark to Bayfair Link project will take effect from Wednesday 23 October 2024. The new speed limits reflect the new infrastructure and ensure safety of all road users. These new permanent speed limits are in place on sections of SH2, SH29A, Maunganui Road, the various on- and off-ramps, and a small section of Truman Lane (former SH29A). Find out more about the new [permanent speed limits](#).
- **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 Rangiora Business Park Interchange project continues. From Monday 4 to Wednesday 6 November lane closures are required to enable barriers to be removed and to repair the road surface. Night 1 will see a westbound closure with a detour starting at the Domain Road interchange continuing via Te Puke Highway through to the Paengaroa roundabout. Night 2 and if required night 3 will be an eastbound closure with the detour route starting at the Paengaroa roundabout joining Te Puke Highway, through to the Domain Road interchange. A temporary speed limit of 70km/h applies through the site. [More information.](#)

Western Bay of Plenty

- **SH2 Old Tauranga Road to Mathers Road:** A road rebuild is underway on SH2 near Old Tauranga Road, from 6am to 6pm Monday to Saturday each week and a finish date of around 4 December, weather dependent. There will be lane diversions and stop/go traffic management in place with a 30km/h temporary speed limit 24 hours a day. Motorists are advised to expect delays.

- **SH2 Ōmokoroa Road:** Road widening and service relocation 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. Expect minor delays especially during peak times. Note that Youngson Road is closed at the intersection of SH2 for the period 25 September to 26 October. Detours are in place and well sign posted. [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. Expect minor delays.
- **SH2 Pongakawa:** Road rehabilitation continues on SH2 near Pongakawa School Road. This work is expected to be completed in the last week of October, 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 continues on SH2 near Ōtamarākau Valley Road with completion expected in the last week of October. Crews are on site from 6am to 6pm Monday to Saturday with stop/go traffic management in place, delays are to be expected.

Rotorua

- **SH30 Rotorua:** Work is wrapping up on SH30 Sala Street after a road rebuild. The road closure will be lifted later on Friday 18 October after the final sealing has taken place, with line marking still to be completed under traffic management early next week.
- **SH30 Te Ngae Road, Rotorua:** Road resurfacing is taking place on SH30 between Basley Road and Allen Mills Road until Sunday 20 October. This work will be undertaken at night between 8pm and 5am each night. 2 lanes will remain open at all times to minimise disruption to motorists.
- **SH36 Hamurana Road, north of Ngongotahā:** A road rebuild will start on SH36 between Central Road and Gloucester Road on Monday 21 October between 8am and 5pm, taking 6 weeks to complete. While the work is happening there will be a lane closure in place between Central Road and Gloucester Road each weekday. Temporary traffic management will remain in place until the road has been line marked.
- **SH30 Rotomā:** From Tuesday 22 October for 3 days resurfacing will take place on SH30 from Onepū Springs Road eastwards to the railway line from 9am to 4pm each day. There will be stop/stop traffic management in place to enable resurfacing on both sides of the road, with delays of up to 30 minutes.

Eastern Bay of Plenty

- **SH34 Kawerau:** Road rebuild work is nearing completion at Onepū near Kawerau, with aggregate overlays and stabilisation work nearing completion, with sealing works scheduled next week. This work is expected to be completed next week weather permitting. SH34 is closed between Charteris Lane and the SH30 intersection between 8am and 4pm each day. There will be a detour in place via SH34 for all vehicles.
- **SH38 Rangitāiki Bridge:** Work is underway on bridge repairs near Murupara and is expected to be completed in early December. At times during the work there will be short periods of stop/stop traffic management in place and a temporary speed limit of 30km/h.
- **SH2 Waioeka Road, near Ōpōtiki:** A road rebuild is underway on SH2 between Warrington Road and Clark Ross Road, this work is expected to be completed early November. On weekdays

between 7.30am and 4.30pm there will be 4-way stop/go traffic management in place at the SH2 Matchitt Road and Apanui Road intersection.

- **SH2 Waioeka Gorge:** Strengthening repairs continue on the Manganuku Bridge. 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.
- **SH35 Ōpape:** Underslip repairs will get underway on Monday 21 October and take 9 weeks to complete. The work will take place between 7am and 5am Monday to Saturday. There will be stop/go traffic management and a temporary speed limit of 30km/h in place while work is underway. A temporary speed limit of 50km/h in place while the site is unattended.
- **SH35 Waihou Bay:** Underslip repairs will get underway on Tuesday 29 October and will take 8 weeks to complete. The work will take place between 7am and 5pm Monday to Friday. There will be stop/go traffic management and a temporary speed limit of 30km/h in place while work takes place.
- **SH35 Te Kaha:** A road rebuild will be carried out near the Tūtaki Marae, between Copenhagen Road and Copenhagen Loop Road in Te Kaha from Wednesday 23 October between 7am and 5pm Monday to Friday, the work is expected to take 6 weeks to complete. There will be a detour in place for light vehicles via Copenhagen Road in both directions. Heavy vehicles will be stacked and released intermittently.

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. [More information.](#)

Waikato

SH1 Tīrau to Waiouru

- **Overall programme:** Check out the upcoming dates for closures at nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh1-tirau-to-waiouru-maintenance/. You can also keep up to date by signing up to the [e-newsletter](#).
- **Piarere to Tīrau:** Planned works for the past weekend weren't able to happen due to the weather. As a result, night closures will continue on Friday 18 October (8pm-6am Saturday morning), Sunday 20 October (7pm-6am Monday morning) and Monday 21 October (7pm-6am Tuesday morning). This is from SH29 Piarere to North Tīrau. Detour via SH29 and SH28. There is resident access only on Totman Road.
- **Tokoroa to upper Ātiamuri:** Full closure is now in place and will run until mid-November (weather permitting). This site is one of the larger and more complex ones, spanning 17km and encompassing 4 separate work areas, ranging from 2.9km to 5.7km in length. SH1 traffic heading to Taupō and further south will be detoured via SH32 and SH30 and vice versa (also known as Maraetai Road in Tokoroa, Whakamaru Road and Ongaroto Road in Ātiamuri). This will add approximately 16 minutes (23km) to journey times. The road between the SH1/SH32 (Maraetai Road) and the hard closure (near Campbell Road) will be accessible to use for access. Those wanting to access the Tokoroa Golf Club should use Old Taupō and Kinleith roads and then will have access on SH1 to the Club. The Oji Fibre Solutions Kinleith Mill is accessible for people who have been permitted by Forestry to use their private roads or use the SH30/32 detour. Those wanting to access business in southern Tokoroa within the soft closure (such as Subway or Robert Harris) are able to do so.
- **Tīrau to Putāruru:** Is now re-opened. We will let you know when we are back to apply the final coat.

- **Ātiamuri to Wairakei:** Work and traffic management will continue on this stretch of SH1, with sealing, stabilisation works and installation of the median barrier underway. Stop/go is in place, so please allow extra time.
- **Travelling from Hamilton to Waiouru or further south:** An alternative route for those travelling longer distances, such as Hamilton to Waiouru is to take SH49, SH4 and SH3 (or vice versa). SH4 is now suitable for HPMV for the duration of the SH1 Tīrau to Waiouru renewal project.

East Waikato

- **SH25:** Repairs to slip damage is underway at 3 sites along SH25 between Tairua and Coromandel township and one at Te Kouma. At Pumpkin Hill, just north of Tairua, work is beginning to repair a large underslip near Sailors Grave Road. Work at this site will take about 6 months to complete. The road is expected to be reduced to a single lane with stop/go traffic management in place from later next week.

Work also underway between Wharekaho and Kuaotunu will take 2-3 months to complete, and near Matarangi and at Te Kouma, will continue through November. Stop/go traffic management will be in place during the day at these sites, with a shoulder closure and temporary speed restrictions in place outside of working hours. [More information](#)

- **SH25 Hikuai Bridge:** Contractors will be back at work on SH25 Hikuai Bridge next week to complete repairs begun earlier this year. This work will involve a series of short closures and is scheduled to be carried out on Tuesday 22 October. Work is weather dependent and will be postponed to later in the week if necessary. This work could not be completed earlier in the year due to wet weather.

Central Waikato

- **SH41 Tokaanu:** Due to a washout, the road is down to 1 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 late October.
- **SH41 Tokaanu:** Works to repair an underslip will begin upon completion of the other SH41 washout site. The road will be down to 1 lane under stop/go traffic management and a temporary speed limit. Works to repair the slip are expected to be completed by towards the end of 2024.

West Waikato

- **SH1 Waikato Expressway - Ngāruawāhia section:** Safety improvements and remedial works required to get the Ngāruawāhia section of the Waikato Expressway up to 110km/h standard continue, with the aim of being completed by Christmas. Traffic is currently using the southbound lanes, to allow for work to be completed faster on the northbound lanes. There is a reduced speed limit of 30km/h through the transitions. For the next several weeks a detour is underway where SH1C and SH1 merge. SH1C is closed to northbound traffic after the Lake Road off-ramp, with all northbound SH1C traffic from Te Rapa/Horotiu turning at the Northern interchange, heading south on SH1 to turn around at Resolution interchange and proceed north on SH1. The detour adds about 8 minutes to journeys. [Detour map](#)
- **SH3 Glenview, Hamilton:** Road resurfacing night works is underway Sunday to Thursday between 8pm and 6am. This work is expected to take 2 weeks to complete with a finish date of around Thursday 24 October. When work is taking place the road will be closed to through traffic between Lambert Court and View Road. Light vehicles will be detoured via Lambert Court, MacDonald Road, Saxbys Road, Deanwell Avenue, Collins Road, Prisk Street, Mount View Road to re-join SH3. When the resurfacing outside the bush hub is happening, the detour will be via Resthill Crescent, MacDonald Road, Lambert Court to re-join SH3. HPMV, heavy and over dimensional vehicles will be stacked and released at regular intervals.

- **SH3 Ōhaupō Road, Hamilton:** Resurfacing work will start on Ōhaupō Road between Stewart Place and Mahoe Street, including a section of Normandy Avenue overnight from 8pm to 6am Sunday 20 October taking 5 nights to complete. Ōhaupō Road will be closed to through traffic between Collins Road and Mahoe Street, including Normandy Avenue while the work is taking place. Light vehicles will be detoured via Collins Road, Prisk Street, Mahoe Street and Lorne Street to re-join SH3. HPMV, heavy and over dimensional vehicles will be stacked and released in regular intervals with an alternative route via SH21 and SH1.
- **SH31 Puti Bluffs:** Work to repair a slip on SH31 at Puti Bluffs near Kāwhia continues. Work is expected to finish in the next week. Work will be taking place Monday to Friday between 7am and 5pm each day, however this is dependent on tidal conditions.
- **SH26 Morrinsville Road:** 2 weeks of enabling works has started between Platt Road and Tauwhare Road near Eureka from 9am to 5pm. There will be stop/go traffic management in place. Once the enabling works are finished the road rebuilding will begin, this is expected to take 8 weeks to complete with a finish date in early November. While the rebuild is underway, there will be a 1-way westbound detour in place 24/7 via Tauwhare Road and Platt Road. This will add approximately 4 minutes to journeys.
- **SH1N Tīrau Road:** Barrier repairs will take place on Tīrau Road on Sunday 20 October between 9pm and 5am at 3 different locations between Hickey Road and the SH29 intersection. There will be slow and controlled traffic management on the road to allow short duration works to take place, people can expect delays of up to 20 minutes.
- **SH1/SH29 Piarere intersection:** Traffic is now using the new roundabout at the intersection of SH1 and SH29 in Piarere. NZTA asks all road users to adhere to the signage and take extra care when travelling through the area as it's still a work zone. This arrangement is expected to remain in place until late 2024. [View a map here.](#)
- **SH37 Waitomo Caves:** Work is underway to repair a slip on SH37 just to the east of Waitomo Caves village. Traffic is reduced to one lane with stop/go while work is taking place, reopening to 2 lanes at nights and weekends. Work is expected to be complete later in October.
- **SH30 Bennydale:** Work on a road rebuild starts Monday 28 October on Ellis Road in Bennydale near Ohirea Road, and is expected to take 2 weeks to complete. A second site near Kiwi Place will start in January 2025. Enabling works will be done first between 7am and 7pm each day with stop/go traffic management in place. Once the site has been prepared the road rebuild will start, with stop/stop traffic management in place and a temporary speed limit of 30km/h. Delays of up to 20 minutes can be expected.

North Waikato

- **SH1 Nikau Road:** The southbound off-ramp will be closed from Sunday 20 to Wednesday 23 October between 9pm and 5am for bridge maintenance. Please use alternative off-ramps at Razorback Road or Pōkeno.
- **SH1 Mercer interchange:** The northbound off-ramp will be closed on Sunday 20 October between 9pm and 5am for resurfacing. Please use alternative off-ramp at Pōkeno.
- **SH1 Hampton Downs to Te Kauwhata:** There will be a full southbound closure on Sunday 20 October between 9pm and 5am for general maintenance. Please use the recommended detour via Whangamarino Road, Paddy Road, Summertime Lane, Hall Road and Rodda Road.
- **SH2 Monument Road to Dimmock Road:** Stop/go traffic management will be in place on Wednesday 23 October between 9pm and 5am for resurfacing. Please follow traffic management directions and stop when asked.

Taranaki

- **SH3 Waitara Road, Bell Block:** A small section of Waitara Road is closed until late November 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](#)
- **SH3 Ōnaero:** Due to pavement repairs on SH3 between Waiau Road and Kapikari Road, there will be stop/go traffic management at 2 sites with a 30km/h speed restriction until Friday 22 November between 6am and 7pm, Monday to Saturday. Delays of 5-10 minutes are expected.

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).

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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