

Waikato & Bay of Plenty state highway works November 2024

State Highway 36 (SH36) Mangorewa Gorge has had a facelift! If you're travelling through the gorge on SH36/Tauranga Direct Road in the Bay of Plenty, be prepared to see changes says Sandra King, Bay of Plenty System Manager at NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA).

"Last year during a weather event part of the road dropped away forming an underslip. This meant the state highway was down to 1 lane and under traffic management for many months. During this time temporary repairs were done to keep the road open while engineers designed the new road realignment," says Ms King.

Permanent road repairs started in August this year, with crews working hard over the past 3 months to fix the underslip.

"As the road is so narrow through the gorge, the decision was made to fully close it for 2 weeks to enable the crew to safely repair it. During the closure contractors removed 536 tonnes of Rhyolite (a type of solidified volcanic rock) from the bank, making the road wider and allowing the road to be realigned," says Ms King.

Closer to Hamurana, another slip was also repaired as well as other general maintenance on SH36 including clearing culverts, pouring curb and channel and clearing vegetation along the road between Tauranga and Rotorua.

"Our contractors have done a great job under trying circumstances and a tricky location and we'd really like to thank motorists for their patience while this important work was completed," says Ms King.

This work forms part of the government's \$2.07 billion investment into road and drainage renewal and maintenance across 2024-27 via the State Highway Pothole Prevention fund.



Mangorewa Gorge works

The NZTA Journey Planner is the best place for information on the status of the state highway network. With live updates on worksites and other road hazards, Journey Planner journeys.nzta.govt.nz can help road users plot the best route to their destination.

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. Between Monday 4 to Monday 11 November there will be 24/7 traffic management on Minden Road. There will be lane deviations and lane switching. Please take direction from staff on the ground and slow down through the work site.
- **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 West between Redwood Lane and Cambridge Road:** Project construction is ongoing at multiple sites on SH29, with shoulder closures, reduced speed limits and mobile operations in place. From approximately 7pm on Thursday 7 November until 5am on Friday 8 November, stop/go with a temporary 30km/h speed limit will be in place in both directions on SH29, between south of Belk Road and south of Gargan Road, to locate underground services. Access to Belk Road and Redwood Lane will remain open for the duration of the works. [More information.](#)
- **SH29 Kaimai Range:** A programme of night works has started with a road rebuild near Hanga Lane, taking 4 weeks to complete with a finish date of Friday 15 November. The nightworks are 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](#)
- **SH29 Gargan Road, Tauriko:** From Sunday 3 November for 6 nights road resurfacing will take place near Gargan Road between 7pm and 5am. Stop/go traffic management will be in place at night with a reduced speed limit of 30km/h. During the day there will be a temporary speed limit of 50km/h until the work is completed.
- **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 road and lane closures will be in place across the Bay Link site for surfacing and sign installation. On Friday 1 November (from approximately 8pm to 5am) the northbound off-ramp at SH2/SH29A Te Maunga interchange will be closed. For all vehicles heading northbound, a signposted detour via SH2 Bayfair flyover, Maunganui Road northbound, Golf Road roundabout, Maunganui Road southbound and Bayfair roundabout will apply. For all vehicles heading westbound, a signposted detour via SH2 Sandhurst interchange, Mangatawa Link Road, Truman Lane and SH29A roundabout will apply. From Sunday 3 November to Thursday 7 November (from approximately 8pm to 5am) SH2 Bayfair flyover will be closed in both directions. A signposted detour via Maunganui Road, Bayfair roundabout and SH2/SH29A Te Maunga interchange will apply. On Tuesday 5 November and Wednesday 6 November night (from approximately 8pm to 5am) Exeter Street will be closed at the intersection with Maunganui Road. Vehicle access to/from Exeter Street properties will be available via Gloucester Road and Eversham Road. For all vehicles heading towards Eversham Road from the

Bayfair roundabout, a signposted detour via Girven Road and Gloucester Road will apply. For more information and detour routes, visit 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. 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 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 Katikati North:** Installation of Audio Tactile Paving (ATP) – or rumble strips. Trig Road to Old Tauranga Road, Athenree Gorge and Cannon Road to Kauri Point Road. 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. Note that night time stop/go will be in place in the Athenree Gorge for this work.
- **SH2 Ōmokoroa 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. [More information.](#)
- **SH2 Wairoa Bridge to Bethlehem:** A new permanent speed limit between the Wairoa River Bridge and Bethlehem has been set at 50km/h and took effect Tuesday 29 October 2024. The new speed limit supports recent changes improving safety, access and cycling between Te Puna and Bethlehem including a cycleway alongside SH2.
- **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 Ōtamarākau:** Road rehabilitation continues on SH2 near Ōtamarākau Valley Road with intended completion by Friday 8 November. Crews are on site from 6am to 6pm Monday to Saturday with stop/go traffic management in place, delays are to be expected.
- **SH33 Paengaroa:** Resurfacing work on SH33 between Allport Road and Maungarangi Road will take place over the next 5 weeks, from Monday 4 November between 6am and 6pm each day. While the work is taking place there will be lane diversions and stop/go traffic management in place with a temporary speed limit of 30km/h. Outside of these hours there will be a temporary speed limit in place while the new chipseal is trafficked.

Rotorua

- **SH36 Hamurana Road, north of Ngongotahā:** A road rebuild is underway on SH36 between Central Road and Gloucester Road between 8am and 5pm, due to be completed in early December. While the work is underway a lane closure will be in place between Central Road and Gloucester Road each weekday. Temporary traffic management will remain in place until the road has been line marked.
- **SH30A Amohau Street, Rotorua:** Road resurfacing will take place at night between Ranolf Street and Pukuatua Street from Tuesday 5 to Friday 8 November between 8pm and 5am. There will be lane closures, stop/go traffic management and temporary speed limits in place during work hours. The temporary speed limits will remain in place during the day.

Eastern Bay of Plenty

- **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 by Friday 15 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 mid-November. While the work is underway a temporary speed limit of 30km/h will be in place throughout the worksite.
- **SH35 Ōpape:** Underslip repairs are underway and expected to be completed in late November. 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 Te Kaha:** A road rebuild is underway near the Tūtaki Marae, between Copenhagen Road and Copenhagen Loop Road in Te Kaha between 7am and 5pm Monday to Friday. The work is expected to be completed in early December. While rebuild work is underway there will be stop/go, and at times stop/stop, traffic management in place and a temporary speed limit. From Monday 4 November until Friday 8 November 8am to 5pm there is a road closure, during this time there will be a detour available for light vehicles via Copenhagen Road in both directions. Heavy vehicles will be stacked and released intermittently.
- **SH35 Waikawa Bay:** Repairs have started on the culvert at Waikawa Bay on SH35, work is expected to be completed mid-November. Stop/go traffic management is in place with a temporary speed limit while the works are taking place.

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](#).
- **East Taupō Arterial:** From Monday 11 November to Friday 6 December, SH1 will be closed between the Wairakei Roundabout and the Broadlands Interchange. The detour route for all vehicles is: Southbound traffic on SH1 will turn left onto SH5, right onto Ohaaki Road, right onto

Broadlands Road, and left back onto SH1. Northbound traffic will follow the same detour in reverse. Taupō will be very busy during December and there will be pressure on the highways and local roads in the area due to the various events as well as the road works. Motorists are encouraged to use the official detour. Those travelling to north or south destinations either side of Taupō may prefer to use other state highway routes such as SH3, SH4, SH32 and SH49.

- **Putāruru to Tokoroa:** From late-November (weather permitting), for around 4 weeks there will be closures along SH1 between the SH1/SH28 Putāruru intersection and the SH1/SH32 Tokoroa intersection. In the coming weeks we are expecting to finalise the full programme, the timing of the closures, and the detours that will be in place. As soon as we do, we will let you know.
- **Tokoroa to upper Ātiamuri:** Full closure is 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 is being detoured via SH32 and SH30 (light vehicles only) 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 for residents. Heavy vehicles are detoured via SH5 and SH30. 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.
- **Ātiamuri to Wairakei:** Work and traffic management will continue on this stretch of SH1, with sealing, stabilisation works and installation of the median safety barrier underway. Stop/go is in place until mid-November, 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 Waiōuru is to take SH49, SH4 and SH3 (or vice versa). SH4 is now suitable for HPMV for the duration of the SH1 Tīrau to Waiōuru renewal project.

East Waikato

- **SH25 Waitakaruru:** The eastbound single lane bridge at Waitakaruru is temporarily closed for a deck replacement. All traffic is using the other bridge for the duration of the project and temporary traffic lights are in place. The current completion date for this work is Friday 29 November.
- **SH25 Thornton Bay:** Seawall repairs underway between Thornton Bay and Ngarimu Bay are expected to take 1-2 weeks to complete, depending on weather conditions. The road will be reduced to a single lane with stop/go traffic management in place on weekdays between 7am and 5pm.
- **SH25 Te Rerenga (Whangapoua):** Road rebuilding works will be underway between Quarry Road and Te Rerenga School for 4 weeks, weather dependent, from early November with a completion date of Tuesday 3 November. The road will be reduced to a single lane with stop/go traffic management in place between 7am and 6pm, Monday to Friday. Temporary speed restrictions will be in place outside of these hours.
- **SH25 Tairua:** Repairs to a large underslip at Pumpkin Hill near Sailors Grave Road, just north of Tairua, are underway. Work at this site will take about 6 months to complete. There are temporary speed restrictions and a shoulder closure through the worksite. Stop/stop traffic management will be required at times. [More information](#)

Central Waikato

- **SH41 Tokaanu:** Due to a washout, the road is down to 1 lane under temporary traffic lights, with a shoulder closure for the last week of October. Crew will be back in first week of November for finishing works, which will take a week before we open up to 2 lanes.
- **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 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 are expected to be completed by Christmas. Traffic is currently using the southbound lanes, to allow work to be completed faster on the northbound lanes. From Sunday 3 November, there will be 3 weeks of night closures in both directions, 7pm-5am, Sunday nights to Friday mornings, with the possibility of further full week 24/7 closures at the end of the month if required. The closure schedule is listed at nzta.govt.nz/projects/waikato-expressway/expressway-surface-works/
Meanwhile the detour in place where northbound SH1C and SH1 merge continues to mid-December. SH1C traffic is required to exit at Lake Road, head south on SH1 to turn around at Resolution interchange and proceed north. The detour adds about 8 minutes to journeys. [Detour map](#)
- **SH1C Te Rapa:** Line marking on the Te Rapa section of SH1C north and southbound will start overnight from Sunday 10 November between 8pm and 5am. A road closure is required in 1 direction at a time, between Wairere Drive interchange and the Horotiu interchange with a detour via Te Rapa Road and Wairere Drive. This work will take 5 nights to complete.
- **SH26 Morrinsville Road:** Work is wrapping up on a road near Eureka between Platt Road and Tauwhare Road with a finish date of around 15 November. Stop/go traffic management is in place with a temporary speed limit. 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.
- **SH1 Karāpiro:** Work on resurfacing in a number of locations near Kentucky Road will start on Monday 11 November taking 5 nights to complete. From 8pm to 5am each night there will be stop/go traffic management in place, delays of up to 30 minutes can be expected.
- **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.](#)
- **SH30 Bennydale:** A road rebuild will start on Ellis Road in Bennydale near Ohirea Road next week, and is expected to take 6 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 Pōkeno interchange to Nikau Road: There will be a full northbound closure on Sunday 3 and Monday 4 November between 10pm and 5am for resurfacing. Please use the recommended detour via Great South Road, Pōkeno Road, Helenslee Road, Razorback Road and Nikau Road. SH1 northbound to SH2 link will be closed as part of this closure. Please travel along the detour to Nikau Road and get back on SH1 through Nikau Road southbound on-ramp to the SH1 southbound to SH2 link.

SH2 Between Bairds Road and Irish Road: Stop/go traffic management will be in place on Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 November between 9pm and 5am for resurfacing. Please follow traffic management direction 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 Mount Messenger:** Resurfacing works are set to begin on Sunday 10 November to Wednesday 13 November, between 8pm and 5am, the road will be closed in both directions during this time with a 1 hour opening between 12-1am to allow traffic to pass through. On Friday 15 November to Monday 18 November, the road will be closed 24/7 with openings between 12-1am, 5-7am, 12-1pm and 5-7pm and again from Monday 18 November to Friday 22 November between 8pm and 5am, with an opening time of 12-1am to allow traffic to pass through. The road is very windy and narrow, the closures are required to allow the volume of work to be completed. [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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