

Waikato/Bay of Plenty state highway works October 2024

The 2024/25 summer maintenance programme is well underway with active worksites across the region.

In the BOP, crews are aiming to complete 110 single lane kilometres of maintenance this season with work well underway on SH30 in Central Rotorua, SH2 near Pongakawa and SH34 near Kawerau. On SH2 North of Tauranga at Te Puna, work has already been completed.

In the Waikato, work on SH1 Tirau to Waiouru acceleration programme continues with another 110 single lane kilometres also to complete across the region aiming to give drivers safer, smoother journeys, and to keep our highways in good condition.

Starting on Sunday for 4 nights on SH2 north of Tauranga, crews will be resurfacing 5 sites between the Pahoia and the Wairoa Bridge. Crews are starting at Clarke Road, then moving north to Barrett Road, Francis Road and finishing at the most northern worksite near Pahoia.

Whilst the worksites are relatively short and the work is being undertaken at night, there could be delays the following morning due to a temporary speed limit of 30km/h while the chipseal beds in. To ease disruption and enable the new surface to cure, this work is also being done in the school holidays when traditionally there is less traffic. In addition, on SH2 at the intersection with Ōmokoroa Road, work is continuing in preparation for the new roundabout, with lane shifts and speed restrictions in place.

To plan ahead and see where disruptive works are, people can use 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.



SH1 Wairakei – milling machine in action

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, with shoulder closures and mobile operations in place. 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. Night works for line marking are scheduled for Monday 14 October, from 8pm to 5am. During this time, stop/go and a reduced speed limit of 30km/h will be in place on SH29 between Gargan Road and Belk Road. In the SH29 section between Tauriko Village and Cambridge Road, vegetation clearance, building removal, surveying and ecology activities will be taking place. This will involve shoulder closures and intermittent mobile traffic operations. [More information.](#)
- **Cambridge/Moffat roads:** Stop/go traffic management will be in place from 9am to 3pm on Friday 4 and Saturday 5 of October for asphalt work. A section of Cambridge Road East from Moffat Road to St Andrews roundabout remains closed while the new intersection joining onto Moffat Road is constructed, this work is nearing completion. Detours and temporary speed limits are in place for the closed section of Cambridge Road East. [More Information](#)
- **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. Temporary barriers remain in place until the first week of November 2024, with 1 lane available in either direction. A temporary speed limit of 70km/h applies through the site. [More information.](#)
- **Mount Maunganui:** Until Sunday 13 October, 24/7 including weekends, there will be a 1-way lane closure on Oceanbeach Road between Concord Avenue and Golf Road. All traffic heading towards Mauao will be detoured via Girven Road, Maunganui Road, and Golf Road to get back onto Oceanbeach Road. Oceanbeach Road will still be open on this section of road for traffic heading towards Pāpāmoa. Access to Concord Avenue will be as normal. To find out more, visit letstalk.tauranga.govt.nz/oceanbeachroadresurfacing

Western Bay of Plenty

- **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 during peak times. Youngson Road is closed at the intersection of SH2 until 26 October. This is to enable contractors to install critical services such as power and fibre. A detour is available via Old Highway joining SH2 at Barrett Road. [More information.](#)
- **SH2 Pahoia to Wairoa Bridge:** From Sunday 6 October for 4 nights resurfacing will take place at 5 worksites between 7pm and 5am each night, stop/go traffic management will be in place with a temporary speed limit of 30km/h in place to allow the loose chip to bed in. Delays are to be expected the morning after the work takes place.

- **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 mid-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 mid-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:** A full road closure of SH30 Sala Street is needed for a road rebuild, work is taking place between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday, with a completion date of Friday 11 October. The road closure will be in place between Scott Street and McIntyre Avenue, with temporary traffic management in place, allowing resident access only. During the closure, vehicles will be detoured westbound via SH30A Te Ngae Road, Amohau Street to Pukuatua Street, left into SH5 Old Taupō Road and left on to SH30 Hemo Road, and in reverse for eastbound.
- **SH36 Mangorewa Gorge:** Work is finishing up on SH36 between Mangorewa Gorge and Hamurana, all work to be completed in the coming week. Stop/go traffic lights remain in place 24/7 until the work is complete, with 1 lane closed from the Mangorewa track to just south of the worksite. [More information](#)

Eastern Bay of Plenty

- **SH34 Kawerau:** Road rebuild work has begun at Onepū near Kawerau, expected to take 5 weeks and completed late October, weather permitting. SH34 will be 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 Rangitaiki Bridge:** Work has started 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 has started on SH2 between Warrington Road and Clark Ross Road, this work is expected to be completed late October. 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.
- **SH2 Motu Challenge:** On Saturday 12 October the last ever Motu Challenge event will take place starting and finishing in Ōpōtiki. The cycle section of the challenge involves cyclists travelling on SH2 in the Waioeka Gorge from Motu through to Oponae, motorists are advised to be aware of cyclists and support vehicles for participants on the road for this section of SH2.

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

- Tīrau to Putāruru : Will re-open today (in the afternoon). There will be traffic management still in place while the sections rebuilt get time to settle with normal traffic. If we don't do this, then when we applying final asphalt surfaces, the quality of the final product will not be at the required level. We will let you know when the final coats will be applied, it is possible this may be done at night.
- Ātiamuri to Warakei: Daytime closures will finish today, but traffic management will continue on this stretch of SH1, so please allow extra time.
- Piarere to Tīrau: Night closures continue until 6am on Friday 18 October. This is from SH29 Piarere to North Tīrau. Detour via SH29 and SH28. There is resident access only on Totman Road, please do not use this road as a shortcut.
- Tokoroa to Ātiamuri: Full closure from 5am Monday 7 October 2024 for 6 weeks (weather permitting). 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 for residents, businesses, sports clubs, the school and their customers, members, pupils and employees to use for their 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 will also be fully accessible. This site is one of the larger and more complex ones, spanning 17km and encompassing four separate work areas, ranging from 2.9km to 5.7km in length.
- 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. There will be more closures along SH1 over the next 16 months as part of intense rebuild and repair work. You can keep up to date by signing up to the e-newsletter.

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 Wharakaho 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](#)

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 mid-October.
- **SH41 Tokaanu:** Works to repair an underslip will begin in mid-October. The road will be down to 1 lane under stop/go traffic management and a temporary speed limit will be in place. Works to repair the slip are expected to be completed by the end of November.

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. All traffic is currently using the

southbound lanes, to allow for work to be completed faster on the northbound lanes, while the work is taking place there is a reduced speed limit of 50km/h and through the transitions the speed limit is 30km/h. 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 will add about 8 minutes to journeys. [Detour map](#)

- **SH3 Glenview, Hamilton:** Road resurfacing will begin on Sunday 6 October and is expected to take 2 weeks to complete from 8pm to 6am, at night from Sunday to Thursday. When the 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.
- **SH31 Puti Bluffs:** Work to repair a slip on SH31 at Puti Bluffs near Kāwhia continues. Work is expected to finish in mid-October. Work will be taking place Monday to Friday between 7am and 5pm each day, however this is dependent on tidal conditions.
- **SH23 near Raglan:** From Monday 7 October, for 3 days, chipsealing will be taking place at 6 locations on SH23 between Ōkete Road and Waitetuna Road. While this work is underway stop/go traffic management and a temporary 30km/h speed limit will be in place. During and after the chipsealing process traffic will be used to compact the seal, the new surface will be swept to remove loose chip and then finally line marked. The work will take place between 8am and 4.30pm each day.
- **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. There will be a 1-way westbound detour in place 24/7 via Tauwhare Road and Platt Road which will add approximately 4 minutes to journeys, while the rebuilds take place.
- **SH1/SH29 Piarere intersection:** Traffic is now using the new roundabout at the intersection of SH1 and SH29 in Piarere. The roundabout opened to traffic on Tuesday 24 September with 2 temporary approaches in action and a temporary layout in place. Recent heavy rain has caused damage to the temporary approach roads. Urgent repairs have been undertaken this week, with more expected in the coming week. These works will be undertaken with Stop/Go traffic management in place and are weather dependent. NZTA thanks road users for their patience and asks people to adhere to the signage and take extra care when travelling through the area. [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 will be 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.

Taranaki

- **SH3 Waitara Road, Bell Block:** A small section of Waitara Road will be closed from Sunday 15 September 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](#)

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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