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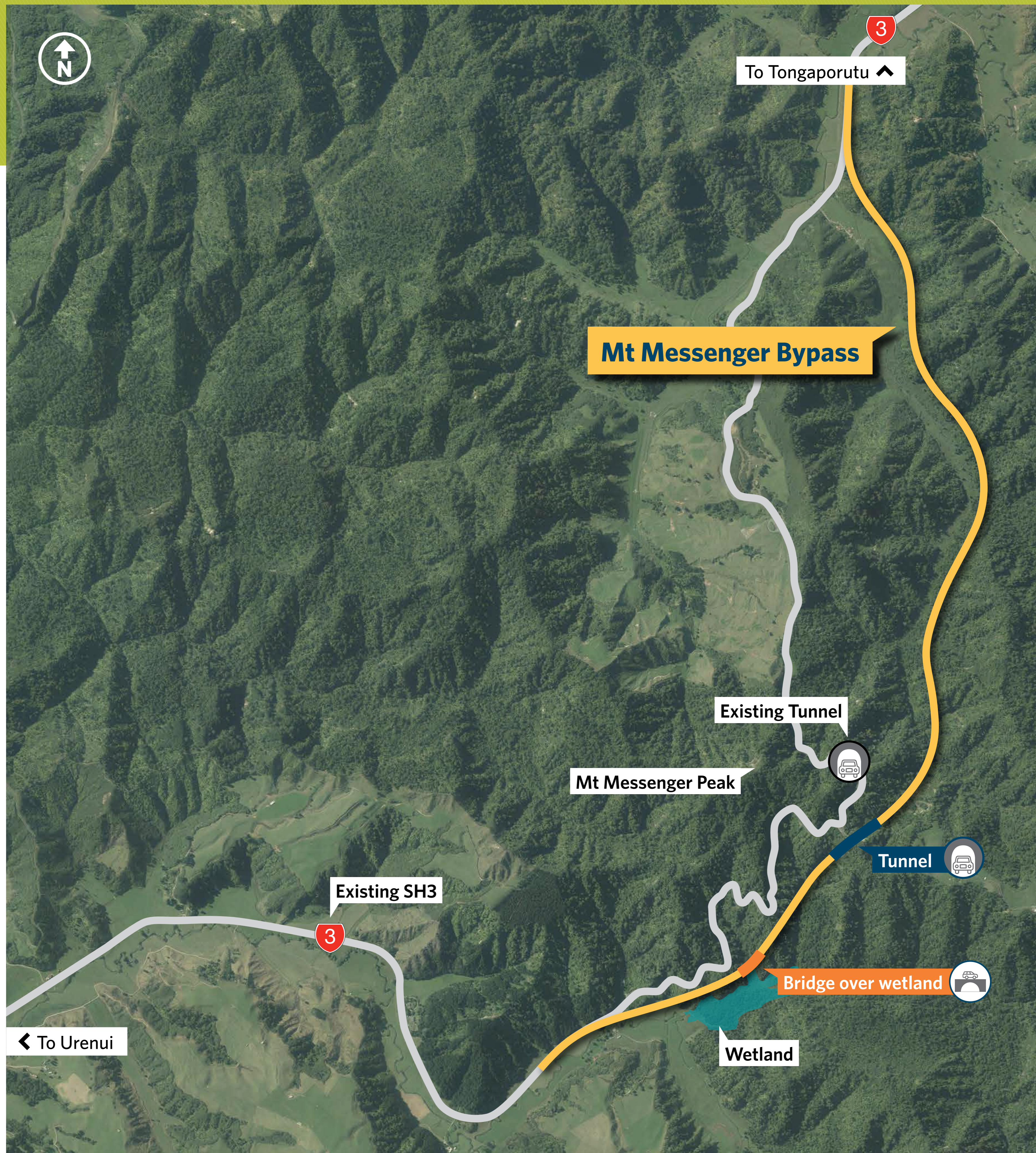
The NZ Transport Agency has lodged a Notice of Requirement and applications for resource consents to construct the Mt Messenger Bypass with the New Plymouth District Council and Taranaki Regional Council. The period for public submissions is now open until 27 February 2018.

We invite you to make a submission on our Resource Management Act applications for the Mt Messenger Bypass.

You can find information about our applications and make a submission on the Council website at:
www.newplymouthnz.com/MtMessenger



The bypass route

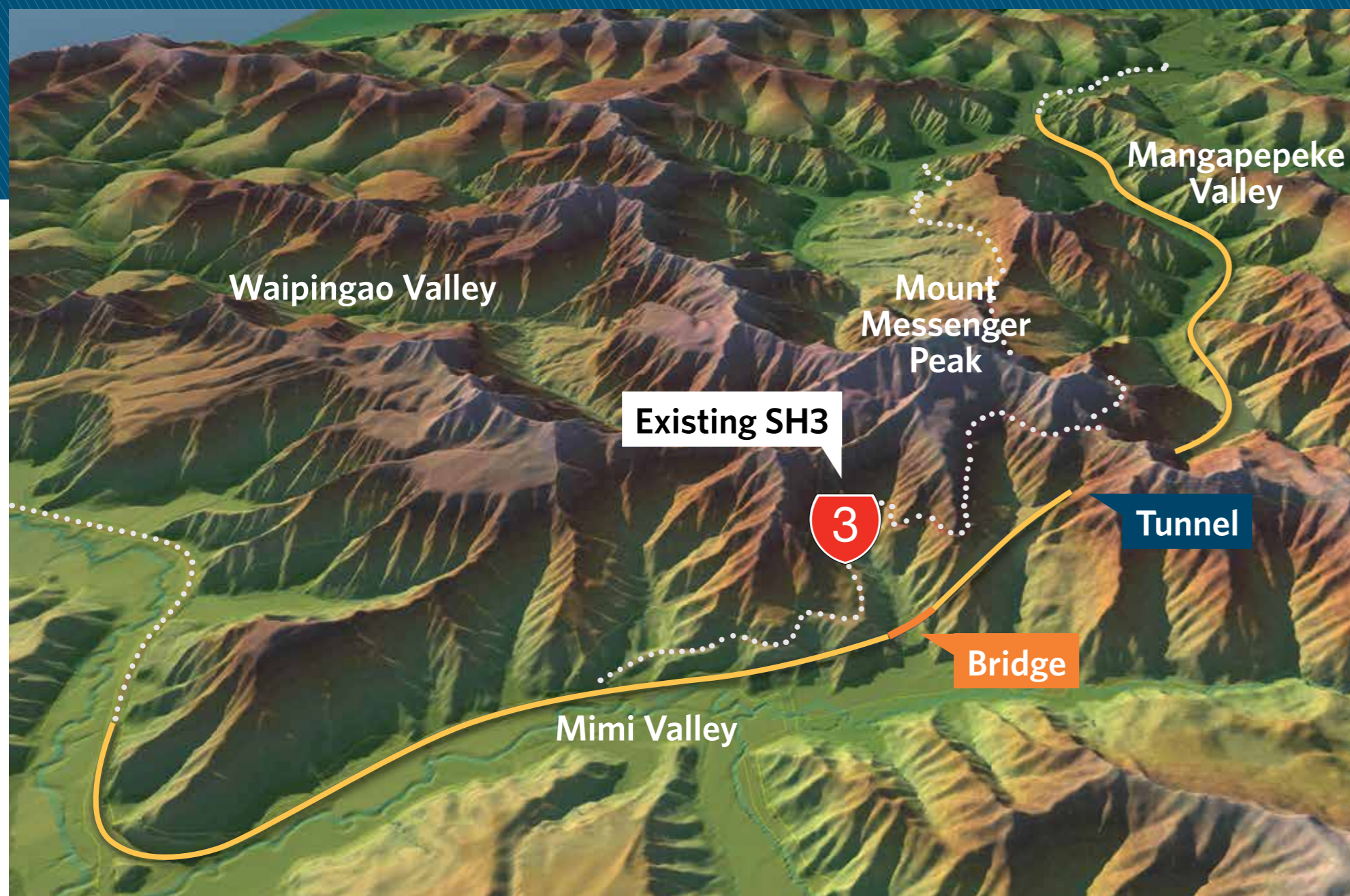


Key features:

- » The bypass is located east of the existing highway. It is 5.2km long with additional work at the southern end creating about 6km of improvements.
- » The route features a bridge about 120m long over a wetland and an estimated 240m long tunnel under the ridgeline south-east of Mt Messenger.
- » Being lower and less steep than the existing route, it provides a faster route and significant benefits for heavy vehicles including lower operating costs.
- » The bypass is almost a kilometre shorter than the existing route.
- » The route has been developed and designed to take into account the significant cultural and environmental values of the area.

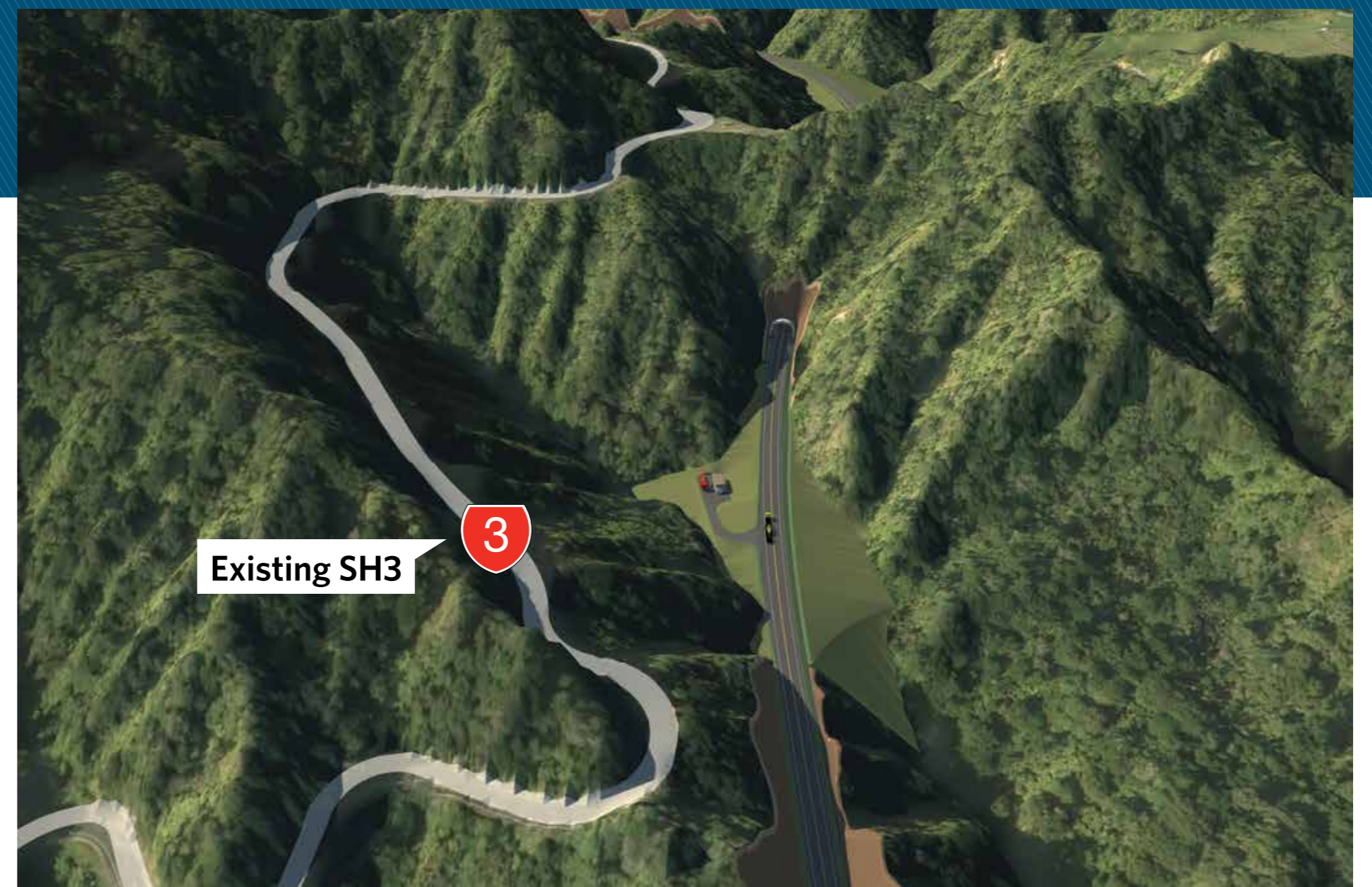
Bypass features

3D images of key parts of the route



Bypass route

Location of the new route.



Bypass tunnel - the high-point of the new route

Existing and new routes at the summit of the bypass. A 240m tunnel is provided.



Bridge over wetlands

A bridge will significantly reduce the route's impact on the wetland's ecological values.



Bypass tunnel

A close-up of the tunnel's northern end.

Respecting the environment and cultural values

The route reflects a balance between affordability, stakeholder needs and expectations, design solutions and environmental and cultural values.

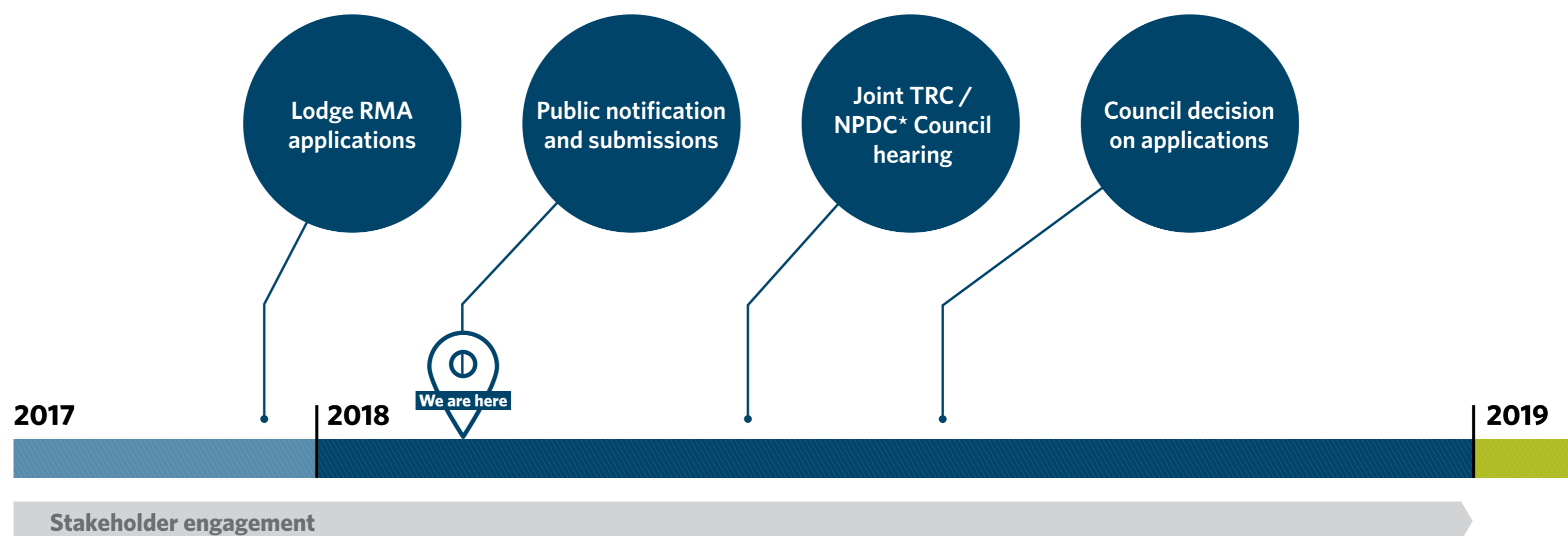
While the construction will result in environmental effects, the Project is committed to respecting the cultural, landscape and ecological values of the area.

We continue to work with iwi to ensure their perspectives and values are recognised and that the opportunity is provided for expression of kaitiakitanga.

The area has high biodiversity values and the Project will help protect and enhance these through a significant programme of biodiversity work.



Consent process and indicative timeline for the Mt Messenger Bypass



RMA applications prepared and lodged

Start construction on Mt Messenger Bypass**

* TRC - Taranaki Regional Council
NPDC - New Plymouth District Council

** Contingent on consents being granted