



## Baypark to Bayfair Link

Project update

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### Construction update

Welcome to the Construction update for the Baypark to Bayfair Link (Bay Link) project. CPB Contractors is carrying out the design and construction for Bay Link. This update provides an overview of what's happened and what's coming up for the project.

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*SH2/SH29A Te Maunga interchange with all 4 ramps open*

## **Remaining elements of Bay Link nearing completion**

The Bay Link project took another significant step towards completion when the final State Highway 2 / State Highway 29A Te Maunga interchange off-ramp opened last month.

As the project's completion at the end of 2023 fast approaches, there are a few big pieces of the project puzzle, alongside more minor works, left to slot into place before the construction period draws to a close.



*The Bayfair roundabout is taking shape*

## **New signalised roundabout coming in spring**

At the project's northern end, road users will have observed the progression of the new Bayfair roundabout over the course of this year. Teams have been busy constructing the new roundabout for many months, completing earthworks, drainage, streetlight and traffic signal installation, kerbing, footpaths and signage.

At project completion, this will be a signalised roundabout which sits within an important gateway area and will create a distinctive and large pedestrian space to provide for safe and direct connections through the intersection.

The underpass, to the north of the roundabout, will provide for the primary cycling and walking connection to/from Matapihi and Arataki, while the roundabout itself will provide the primary pedestrian through-space for people. Red concrete has been used to highlight the key walking route through the roundabout, contributing to an attractive space for people passing through the area on foot.

Landscaping and other work will continue in coming weeks as the project prepares to activate the roundabout and all new signals at this intersection (including on all approaching roads) later in spring.



This traffic switch will be a significant change for all users, including people driving, walking or cycling. When the signalised roundabout is activated and available for pedestrians and cyclists to safely cross Maunganui Road, the underpass (open as a temporary route since early 2022) will temporarily close to allow for finishing works.

Further information detailing the changes will be communicated as this major traffic switch approaches.

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## **Southern separation of local and highway traffic coming soon**

At the project's southern end, construction continues in the long, narrow work area at ground level underneath Te Maunga interchange. Crews are busy installing fascia panels, constructing surface drainage, landscaping and completing finishing works while this section of SH2 is fully closed.

SH2 underneath the interchange is scheduled to open to traffic in both directions in late spring. At this time, northbound and southbound SH2 traffic will travel underneath the interchange for an uninterrupted journey to/from Mount Maunganui or the city centre and Tauranga Eastern Link via the Bayfair flyover.

This switch to the permanent layout, where local traffic will be separated from state highway traffic, will be followed by the installation of the remaining barriers between the bottom of Te Maunga on-ramps and the southern end of the Bayfair flyover. With the opening of the road underneath the interchange and installation of the remaining barriers, the weave between traffic travelling over the flyover and towards the Bayfair roundabout will be removed.



*Truman Lane and SH29A*

## **Truman stairs extend walking and cycling connection towards Baypark**

The walkway between Truman Lane and Te Maunga interchange is taking shape (as pictured) with six sets of precast concrete stairs (each weighing approximately 4 tonnes) craned into position on the embankment in July.

Together with a zig-zag concrete ramp presently under construction, the stairs will form part of an accessible walking and cycling network between Baypark and Bayfair. A new 3m wide shared path along the western side of Maunganui Road is under construction and will connect with a signalised intersection across Matapihi Road and the signalised Bayfair roundabout.

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## Looking ahead

Construction will continue at pace for the remainder of 2023, with the following activities scheduled in coming months:

- Road reconstruction will continue on Maunganui Road northbound, alongside the construction of the new 3m wide shared path between Te Maunga interchange and Matapihi Road.
- Central median islands will be constructed on Girven Road between Bayfair roundabout and Gloucester Road, and in Owens Place between Liquorland and HomeZone.
- The new, signalised Bayfair roundabout will be activated alongside signals on all of the approaches to the roundabout. This traffic switch will enable pedestrians and cyclists to use the roundabout to cross Maunganui Road, allowing the underpass to temporarily close for finishing works.
- Work in the canyon is scheduled to finish in late spring, after which it will be reopened to traffic.
- Work will commence on a new entrance to Baypark from SH29A in mid-spring.





## Recent progress on Bay Link

Road users will have noticed changes at both ends of the project, reflecting the extent of construction activity currently underway.

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### **Bayfair end:**

- Road reconstruction has been underway on all ground level roads leading into, and away from, the Bayfair roundabout. Maunganui Road northbound is currently reduced to a single lane from opposite Exeter Street, through the Bayfair roundabout to opposite Concord Avenue to allow for this area to be reconstructed in two halves. The first half was completed in winter and a subsequent traffic switch moved the northbound lane onto the newly constructed road against the retaining walls of the Bayfair flyover. Following this traffic switch, old asphalt was removed and the road reconstruction process is underway.
- Meanwhile, Maunganui Road southbound was fully closed between Bayfair roundabout and Exeter Street to allow for road reconstruction. This has now been completed, alongside new driveways for residents (pictured above) and a new footpath from Girven Road to Te Maunga interchange. The road fully reopened in August.
- Girven Road has been reduced to one lane in each direction between Bayfair roundabout and the Gloucester Road intersection to allow for construction of the central median island.
- Construction of the signalised Matapihi Road/Owens Place intersection continues, with work on the shoulders now complete and the focus shifting to ducting, signal installation and construction of the central traffic islands on Matapihi Road.
- A new set of stairs has been constructed on the Matapihi approach to the underpass, outside Golf 360.
- Rails have been fitted to the Bayfair flyover and part of the SH2 bridge at Te Maunga interchange.

### **Te Maunga end:**

- Over a series of shifts, structural asphalt was placed on the final off-ramp of Te Maunga interchange and the signals at this intersection commissioned prior to the ramp opening to traffic last month.
- Eversham walkway, that connects Eversham Road with Te Maunga interchange, has closed 24/7 to allow for construction in this area to be completed. A signposted diversion is available for people walking and cycling via Te Maunga Lane and expected to be in place until later in spring.
- Multiple crews are working side by side at ground level underneath Te Maunga interchange after this part of SH2 fully closed to traffic in late winter.
- Extensive areas of the project are being landscaped this planting season. Newly planted areas include the sides of all ramps at Te Maunga interchange (as pictured above) and land adjacent to SH29A near the new roundabout. Plants are eco-sourced and harvested from local vegetation, helping protect the biodiversity of the native vegetation within this ecological area.
- A new swale has been constructed between Truman Lane and Baypark, next to the SH29A roundabout, to facilitate drainage in the area.

## More information

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