

12 Matakohe Bridges realignment project

Thank you and farewell

Thank you from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and our contractors Fulton Hogan for your support over the past two years as we have completed the Matakohe Bridges realignment project. We appreciate the support of the community for the two-lane bridges, realignment of the road, the shared path and wahi toanga/lookout area.

We wish you all a safe a happy festive season.

LOOKING BACK Opening event

Friday 5 July saw the hill at Matakohe swarming with dignitaries and project team members, at the official opening of SH12 Matakohe Bridges Realignment project. Welcomed to the ceremony by Te Uri o Hau, Minister Shane Jones was joined by Peter Wethey (Deputy Mayor, Kaipara District Council), Steve Mutton (Director Regional Relationships, Upper North Island, NZ Transport Agency), Marion Walsh (representative for Hon Winston Peters) and Graeme Johnson (CEO NZ, Fulton Hogan).

Following formalities and waiata, kauri trees were planted on the hill by each of our special guests. The kauri were purchased from the Kauri Museum especially for this event.



A great start to the day at the crew BBQ breakfast.



A kuia from Te Uri o Hau welcomes officials into the ceremony.



Matua Hone opens the ceremony and welcomes our guests.



The Hon Shane Jones planting his Kauri tree, with Piringatahi Bridge in the background.

Dawn Blessing

About 60 people attended a dawn blessing on Monday 9 December 2019 for the wahi taonga and shared path on the SH12 Matakohe Bridges realignment project. The dawn event blessed the wahi taonga area, including the pou which shows the manu (the white tui) weaving all the people together. The wahi taonga area is located between the two bridges, Piringiatahi and Te Ao Marama Hou.



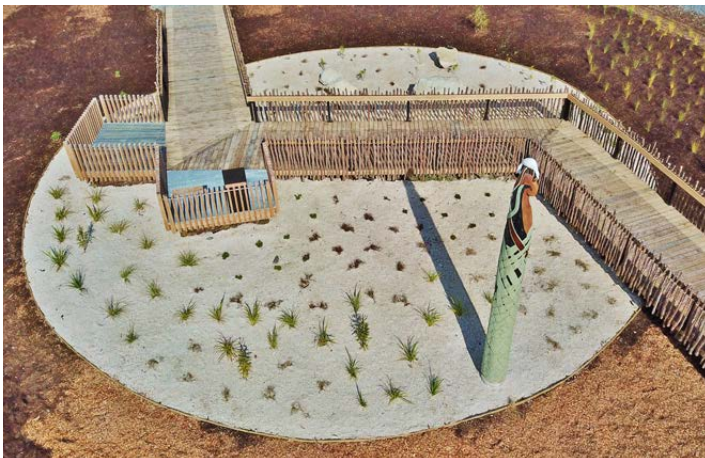
Gathering for the dawn blessing.



The stunning pou which depicts Manu weaving all the people together.



Some of the project team for WSP and Fulton Hogan trying out the new shared path.



Look out and pou.



The shared path and boardwalk.



PROJECT CONTACTS

Keep up with progress at:
www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/connecting-northland/matakohe-bridges/