



# NEW TWO-LANE KAWARAU FALLS BRIDGE

## KEY FACTS

- › Total construction cost \$22 million.
- › Construction of the new bridge began in December 2015.
- › The bridge is 250 metres long by 14 metres wide, with two full traffic lanes.
- › Both traffic lanes of the bridge will open permanently to traffic in April 2018.
- › This is one of largest highway improvement projects in the Queenstown area.
- › New water and wastewater pipelines are being installed under the bridge on behalf of the Queenstown Lakes District Council, to future-proof developments south of Frankton.
- › Sealed road shoulders are wide enough to safely accommodate cyclists.
- › There is a footpath on one side of the bridge.
- › It is built to withstand a once in every 2500-year earthquake.
- › The southern embankment has a mechanically stabilised earth wall made of rock and encased in steel mesh.
- › From early 2018, the 90 year-old heritage bridge will be transformed into a world class walking and cycling facility.
- › An underpass on the northern side will provide safe cycling and pedestrian access to the Queenstown Trails network.
- › The bridge area will be landscaped and native trees planted along the river banks.



 For more information about this project, go to [www.nzta.govt.nz/kawarau-falls](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/kawarau-falls)