



Rangiriri project update

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The end is in sight for Rangiriri section

With the main alignment opened to four lanes of traffic last month, the roading side of the project is almost complete.

The main outstanding work to be completed by contractor Fletcher Construction is the re-alignment of Te Wharepu Road along with parking and access to the historic Rangiriri Paa. While this wraps up, Natural Habitats continues the work on the symbolic reinterpretation of the paa, which is due to be completed in the second half of the year.

It's been a long road to completion of the Rangiriri Section of the

Waikato Expressway, with plenty of challenges along the way, says NZ Transport Agency Project Delivery Manager Peter Simcock.

"We'd like to sincerely thank the Rangiriri community for their patience during the almost four years of construction. We've had some challenges along the way and the community has been wonderfully supportive throughout," Peter says.

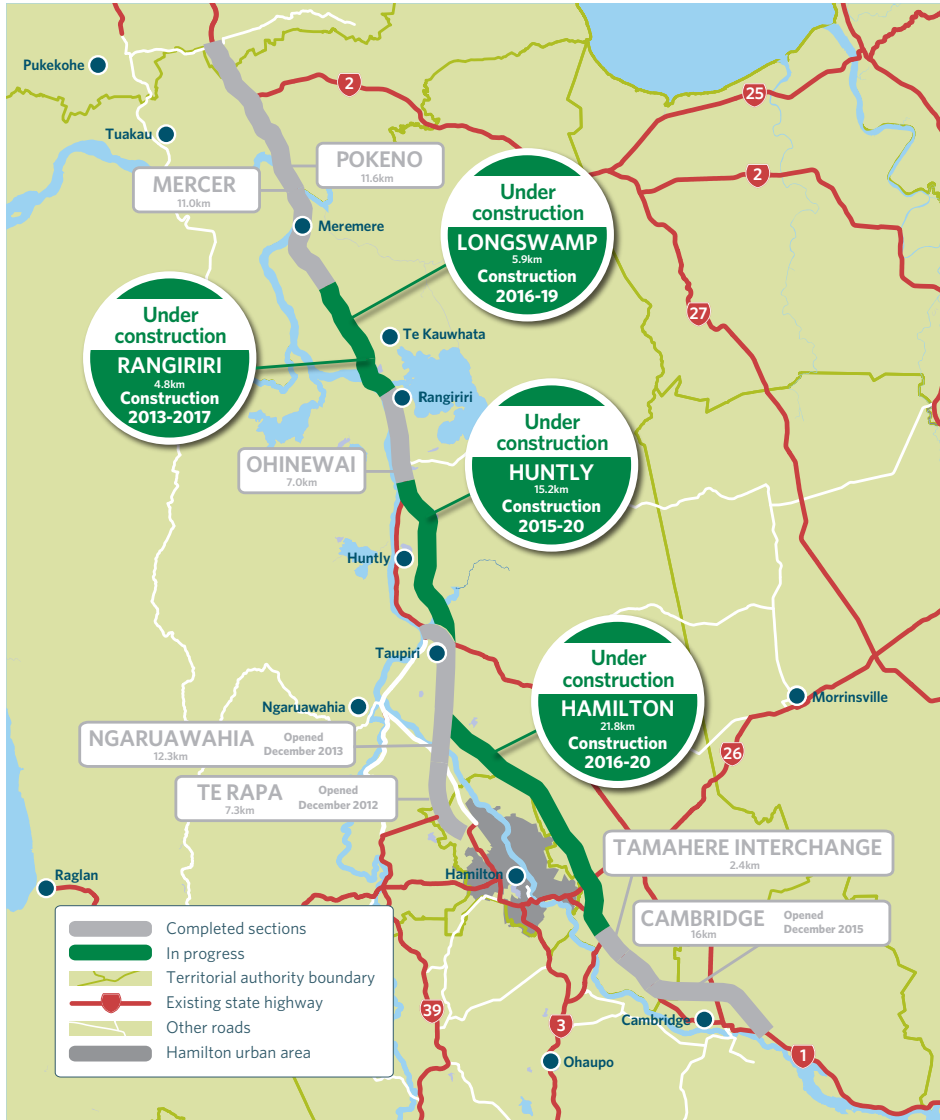
"Thanks also to our contractor Fletcher Construction who have had to deal with the challenges of building this major project while managing traffic flows on this very busy stretch of State Highway 1."

A formal ceremony to mark the completion of the project will be held later this year when the work on Rangiriri Paa is complete.



Expressway overview map

The Waikato Expressway is one of the Government's seven Roads of National Significance. The Expressway will improve safety and reliability and reduce travel times and congestion on State Highway 1 by delivering a four-lane highway from the Bombay Hills to south of Cambridge. It is being built in seven sections.



Reinterpreting the historic Rangiriri Paa

Work is well under way on the symbolic reinterpretation of the Rangiriri Paa, which was damaged when State Highway 1 was routed through the middle of the site in the 1960s.

The project involves infilling the cutting created for the old SH1 and an interpretation of the layout of the paa site using the old military survey from 1863.

The site will consist of the main paa site and battle trench along with two outposts, joined by paths with grassed areas and landscape gardens. Carved pou will mark the full line of the battle trench to help tell the story of the site and its history.

The crew has completed the installation of all posts for the main paa and is currently completing the cladding. Work on the two outposts will begin over the next few weeks.



Working on the main paa site

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