

# CAUSEWAY NEWS

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The Causeway Alliance is raising and widening 4.8km of Auckland's Northwestern motorway and cycleway, between Great North Road and the Whau River Bridge. The Causeway Upgrade Project is to prevent flooding and provide additional capacity for when the Waterview Tunnels open in early 2017.

## Working towards the finish line

Welcome to the first edition of the Causeway News for 2016. The project team is on track to complete its section of the State Highway 16 upgrade later this year. Recent progress is visible in the next few photographs by Greg Kempthorne.



The project looking towards the city with Sky City and Rangitoto Island in the background.



The project looking west.



In December 2015 the Patiki Road on-ramp and two lanes westbound were moved. Work continues on the cycleway underpass.



In January the team moved the Rosebank Road off-ramp and the express lane westbound. This photo shows the new off-ramp area just before it opened to traffic.



The team is now working in the median areas along the causeway, building up the existing motorway ready for its final surface and traffic later this year.



# Zero harm for everyone

Our construction crews are hard at work as summer is the best time to reseal and maintain roads. Warm temperatures and dry air helps the new seal to stick to the existing road surface, creating a more effective and durable result.

Drivers are likely to come across roadwork sites during the next few months. We ask you to please observe speed restrictions and slow down through work sites to help keep everyone safe and able to return home to their families at the end of the day.

## Night works

A combination of good construction weather and a group of projects that are nearing completion gives us kilometres of asphalt that needs to be put in place to give motorists a final surface to drive on.

The asphaltting work is done at night when there is less impact on traffic. There is likely to be closures of the motorway overnight for a number of consecutive nights to enable much of the final motorway surface to be laid over the next three months.

For information about the night closures please check the Auckland Motorway Alliance website on [www.aucklandmotorways.com](http://www.aucklandmotorways.com) and click on the icon 'overnight motorway closures' to learn more.

## The circle of life – bird life that is

Carol Green of Bike Te Atatu recently took these beautiful shots of wildlife in the causeway area while out and about on her bike.



## Cycleway surface

Significant sections of the new permanent cycleway opened along the causeway in November and December. Many cyclists expressed their delight with the new sections, and we also appreciate recent feedback about the need to smooth out some short areas of concrete that are a bit rough.

The best solution may require a detour for cyclists while we remove and replace those of concrete. We will provide Bike Auckland and Bike Te Atatu with information to be shared on their Facebook pages when we know more.



Measuring an uneven surface

## Community Liaison Group Meeting, 16 February 2016

The next quarterly Community Liaison Group meeting will be on Tuesday 16 February from 7-8:30pm at the Pringle Park Bowling Club, Pringle Rd, Te Atatu Peninsula. The meeting will be an opportunity to hear updates and ask questions about the Causeway Upgrade and the Te Atatu Interchange Improvements projects. It is also an opportunity to farewell the Te Atatu team. This is because the Te Atatu Interchange Improvements project will be complete and the team will have moved on by the time the next meeting comes around. We look forward to seeing you there.

### More information

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