



Watchman Road & airport access intersections project

PROJECT UPDATE

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Progress at the Watchman Road intersection is moving along at a steady pace. We look forward to seeing you at our next Connection Group meeting to update you further. This will be held at the Hawke's Bay Airport Boardroom, 10:30am on 23 March.

Airport Link Road

The majority of work on the Airport Link Road has been completed with only some landscaping to be finalised. Once the weather becomes a little cooler and we reach optimal planting conditions, we will be able to complete this.

Work on the Watchman Road causeway will continue to take time due to the materials settlement that needs to happen over the next 3 months. It is important to allow for this settlement so that we minimise the potential for uneven surface to develop. Work will continue in portions of this site where settlement has already been achieved enabling the team to progress the construction of this important link to the airport. Settlement is being closely monitored.



Scrape lakes

A significant deep water channel has now been filled at the scrape lakes. 2700m³ of fill was required to create an environment attractive to birdlife.

The scrape lakes are already experiencing large numbers of birdlife, demonstrating the success of this part of the project. Extreme care has been taken by the construction team to ensure minimal disruption to the new residents as the final touches are being made to the area.

Roundabout

The roundabout construction is now nearing a close with boardwalks and new wetlands progressing well. Final surfacing is planned to happen in the next couple of weeks. This area will also be landscaped during optimal planting periods to ensure maximum success rate.

Good news

We are especially thrilled with the environmental measures that have been put in place to both protect the environment while construction occurs and also ensure a better environment is created as a result of the project. The environment has been regularly monitored throughout the project with over 16 monitoring reports completed. The team have maintained a positive, proactive approach to this monitoring, something often unseen by the public.

| STAGE | PROGRESS | TENTATIVE COMPLETION |
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| Airport Link Road | Complete | The tie in from the new road to the airport will be August/Sept 2018 |
| SH2 roundabout | 95% | April 2018 |
| Watchman Road | 70% | August 2018 |
| Scrape lakes | 98% | April 2018 |



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