

SOCIAL OUTCOMES

Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway will cross the Ruahine Ranges north of the gorge to re-establish this vital state highway link. The project is setting new benchmarks for safety, health and wellbeing, iwi partnerships and social outcomes. Here are some of the initiatives we have already started to deliver, to cultivate a positive legacy for the region.



BUILDING CAPABILITY THROUGH TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Te Ahu a Turanga will contribute to a range of training programmes, helping to build capability in the region. This project is the first to partner with the new Central Region Skills Hub, which is helping to prepare people for work, upskilling, and with project-specific needs. We'll also be supporting primary and secondary school programmes that help students build interest and capability in science, technology, engineering and maths.



REDUCING OUR IMPACT

To reduce our impact on the local rental markets, we plan to build affordable houses for specialised workers and managers who aren't already living locally, and to source accommodation not readily accessible to locals. Houses are planned to be in a range of locations around the region and on both sides of the ranges. There will be a mix of housing styles to suit individual workers and those who have relocated with their families. We continue to work with local authorities and locals, to be innovative in how we continue to minimise our impact on the already stretched market.



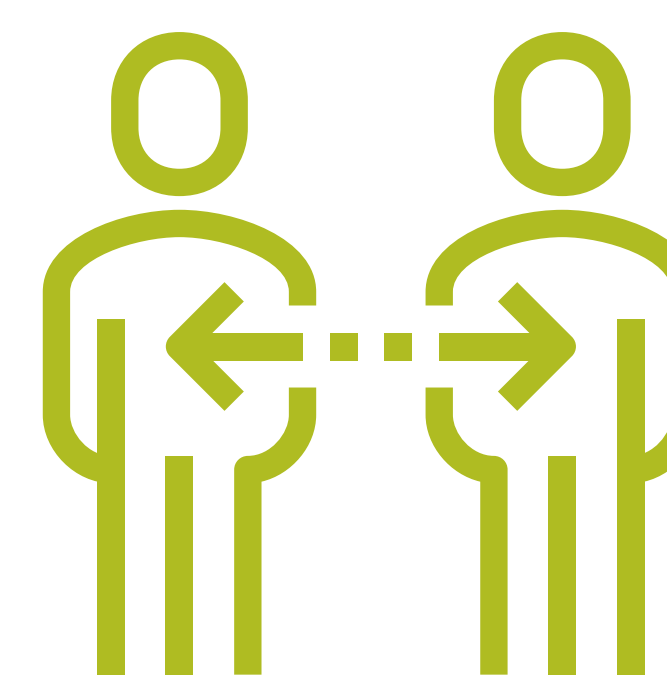
WALKING AND CYCLING TRACKS, PUBLIC LOOKOUTS AND REST AREAS

Te Ahu a Turanga is creating opportunities for the community to get out and about with a network of walking and cycling tracks. This will include a new Shared Use Path running the length of the highway that will connect to existing and potential tracks and trails. At least three public look-out areas will be constructed that will be accessible from the new road. These will provide a range of sensational views over the plains to the east and west, as well as up the gorge itself, from the new bridge across the Manawatū River. There will also be opportunities throughout the project to see the progress from staged areas during construction, and from the new site office near Ashhurst



PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT FOR LOCALS

Te Ahu a Turanga is bringing new employment to the region. Our local-first approach to employment means more income will remain here, helping support local businesses. More than 700 people registered their interest at our Jobs and Training Open Day events in October 2020. We know the local community is committed to the project and we are committed to employing as many local people as possible.



WORKING WITH SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES

Our procurement process will give greater opportunities for Māori and local businesses. There will be support for local businesses to plan for potential contracting opportunities, as well as help with the tendering process and project requirements, which may be new for some. Small and medium sized sub-contractors will also be able to take advantage of the training and upskilling opportunities the project offers. Look out for Procurement Open Days in 2021.



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