

Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway Project Reconnecting Our Regions

The closure of the Manawatū Gorge has had a significant impact on the safety, efficiency and reliability of our roads due to a significant increase in traffic - which our alternative routes were just not built for.

Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway project will improve resilience, increase capacity within the wider transport network, and improve safety and efficiency for general traffic and freight - including public transport and emergency services.

With construction due to start late next year, the objectives of our new road are to reconnect the currently closed Manawatū Gorge State Highway 3 with a more resilient, safer and efficient connection to the regions than the Saddle Road and Pahiatua Track.

FACTS AND FIGURES

- The new road is 11.5km running from the State Highway 3 western entry to the closed Manawatū Gorge route, across the Ruahine Ranges north of the Manawatū Gorge and south of Saddle Road, emerging near Woodville.
- Before it was closed, the Manawatū Gorge route accommodated 7620 vehicles per day (in 2016) - and 11.3 per cent were heavy commercial vehicles.
- The new road is expected to accommodate approximately 9700 vehicles per day from its anticipated opening date in 2024.

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