



# Te Ara Tūtohu

## Waitara to Bell Block safety improvements



We've reached a significant milestone on Te Ara Tūtohu SH3 Waitara to Bell Block safety improvements with work now underway on a roundabout for the intersection of State Highway 3 (SH3) and Waitara Road.

The Waitara Road roundabout is the second of four roundabouts being built on State Highway 3 as part of the wider safety improvement project. The project is focused on creating a safer and efficient route that supports population growth in the area over the next 25 years.

We're also into the final stretch of construction on the roundabout and pedestrian underpass at the intersection of SH3 and Princess Street.

### Work begins on Waitara Road roundabout

The new SH3/Waitara Road roundabout, and safety improvements to the section of Raleigh Street between SH3 and Tate Road, will make it easier for people to get on and off the highway, improving safety and keeping traffic flowing.

Once the roundabout is constructed, people will be able to access Tate Road directly from SH3.

Raleigh Street will be one way only between SH3 and Tate Road. This will ensure that people entering Raleigh Street use the roundabout, which is the safest entry point. To keep the roundabout safe, traffic leaving Raleigh Street will only be able to turn left onto SH3, there will be no access to Raleigh Street from SH3.

The layout of the intersection of Tate Road and Raleigh Street will also be changed from a four-way intersection to a T-intersection.



To reduce disruption to people using the road, construction of the roundabout will be completed in stages:

### Stage 1 (May - late 2024)

During Stage 1 workers will complete the following:

- The removal of trees and other vegetation (this excludes the protected Pohutukawa on Tate Road).
- Stormwater work (this includes the installation of new drainage pipes, stormwater swales along Raleigh Street and SH3, and a stormwater outfall).
- The relocation of underground services (such as power and internet) along SH3 and Tate Road.
- Pavement work on Tate Road between the intersection with Raleigh Street through to SH3 following the relocation of underground services and stormwater works.
- The installation of temporary pavement adjacent to the northbound lane of SH3 (this will be needed during Stage 3 to allow traffic to flow in both directions).

### Stage 2 (Late 2024 - early 2025)

During Stage 2 a temporary roundabout will be installed at the intersection of Tate Road and SH3. This will allow traffic to travel safely through the intersection during Stages 3 and 4. Workers will also relocate underground services and complete pavement and stormwater work on Raleigh Street (between SH3 and Tate Road).

### Stage 3 (Early 2025 - Mid 2025)

During Stage 3, the section of the roundabout on the southbound lane will be constructed. Temporary pavement will also be installed down Waitara Road to keep the road open to two-lanes of traffic during works.

### Stage 4 (Mid 2025 - Late 2025)

During Stage 4, the roundabout on the northbound lane will be constructed.

### Stage 5 (Late 2025)

During Stage 5, pavement rehabilitation work will be completed on a section of SH3 north of the roundabout that needs strengthening.

### Traffic management

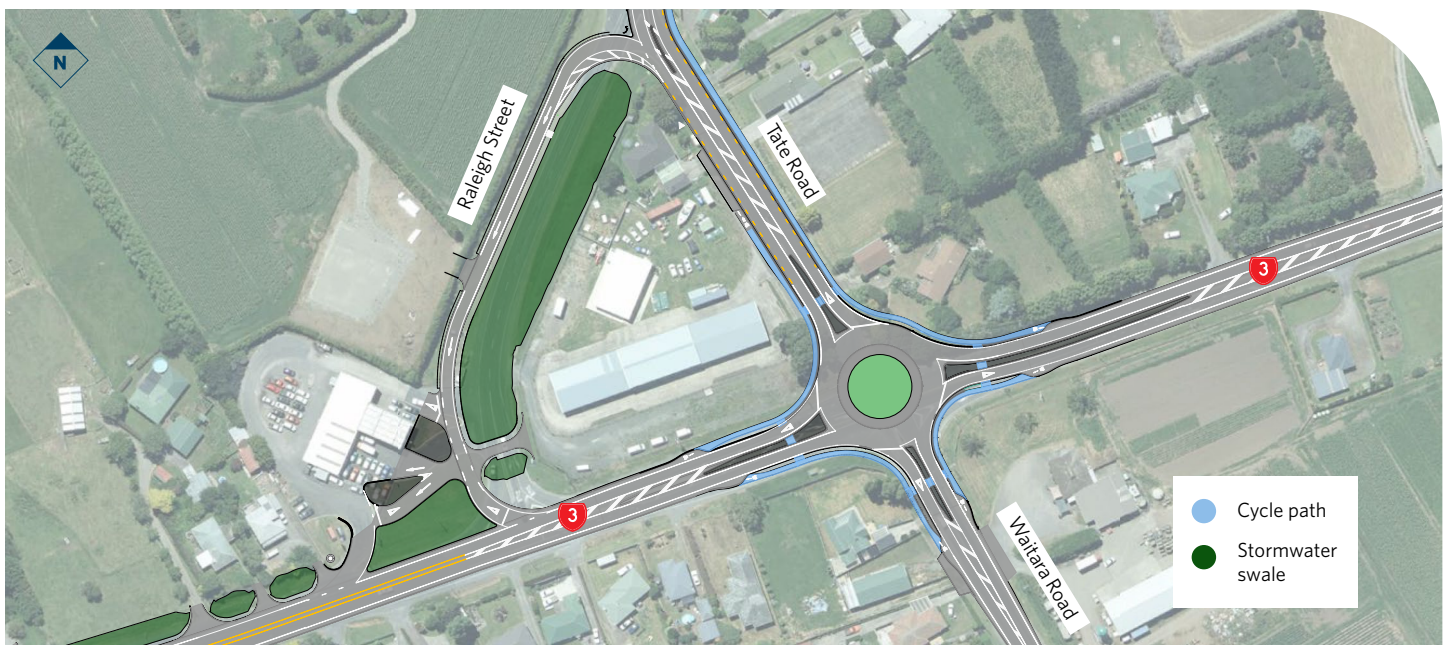
We are working with our contractor to ensure construction of the roundabout causes as little disruption as possible. The traffic management has been designed to allow workers to get their work done efficiently and safely while also minimising the impact it has on journey times.

From 6 May:

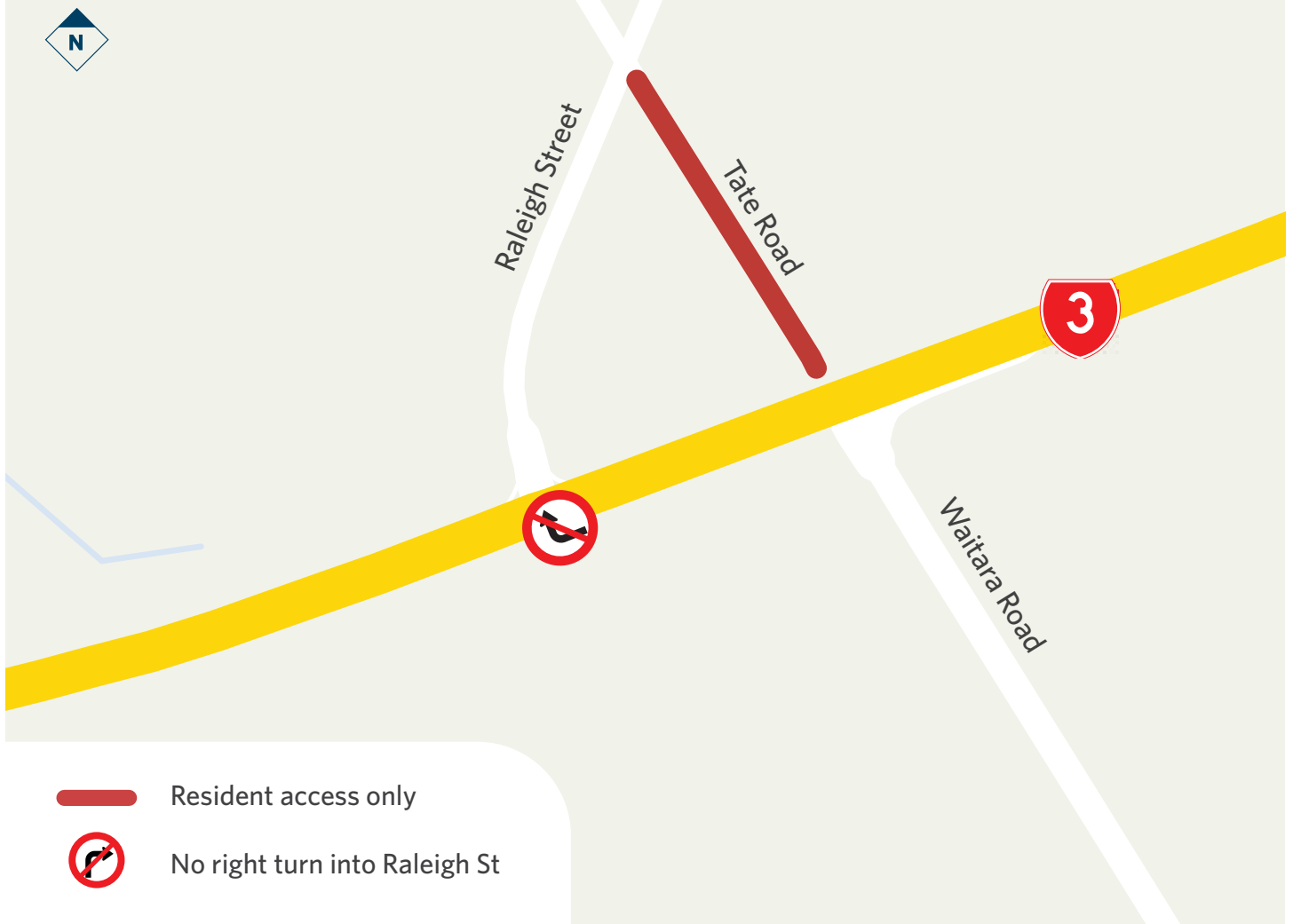
- A 50km/h temporary speed limit will be in place on SH3 through the intersections with Waitara Road and Raleigh Street, and on Raleigh Street from the intersection of SH3 through to the intersection with Tate Road.
- SH3 will remain open to two lanes of traffic.
- There will be no right turn into Raleigh Street.
- Tate Road, from the intersection with Raleigh Street though to SH3, will be closed to everyone except residents. This will allow workers to complete necessary work on the road in preparation for it connecting with the roundabout.
- All properties on SH3, Raleigh Street, and Tate Road will be accessible for residents during these works.

Traffic management will change as we work through each stage of construction. To stay up to date on how the construction may impact your journey, visit our website [nzta.govt.nz/w2bb](https://nzta.govt.nz/w2bb)

Construction on the Waitara Road roundabout is expected to be complete by late-2025.



## Stage 1 Waitara Road roundabout construction from 6 May



## Princess Street roundabout and pedestrian underpass nearing completion

Since February this year, workers have been busy completing work on Princess Street west. During the last few months they have:

- Completed stormwater work
- Excavated and rebuilt the road
- Completed the retaining wall on the pedestrian underpass
- Built the pump station that will pump water out of the underpass
- Installed streetlights, footpaths, and traffic islands.






They are now completing the final pieces of work for the roundabout and pedestrian underpass. This includes completing the roundabout itself, installing streetlights on SH3, and laying down asphalt.

To allow this work to take place, the temporary roundabout at the SH3/Princess Street intersection has been removed and the road reduced to 1 lane until mid-June 2024.

We are monitoring traffic and will make changes where required. Safety of the public and crews working on the road is our priority. We appreciate your understanding and patience while we complete this work.

We anticipate that all work on the roundabout and pedestrian underpass will be complete by mid-June 2024.

# Traffic management at SH3/Princess Street until mid-June 2024

- Key**
-  Road closure
  -  Resident access only
  -  Detour
  -  Stop/go traffic management
  -  Lane closed



## Construction timeline

This timeline is dependent on a variety of factors, including land acquisition, consents, weather and ground conditions.



Princess Street/  
SH3 roundabout  
**2023 - 2024**



Waitara Road/  
SH3 roundabout  
**2024 - 2025**



De Havilland Drive/SH3 roundabout  
and SH3A roundabout  
**2025 - 2026**



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