



Upgrading Awapuni Road



KIA ORA,

I'm pleased to let you know we are starting the final stage of the Awapuni Road upgrade works in your area. Funded by the 2018–21 National Land Transport Programme, the \$2.6m upgrade will rebuild SH35/Awapuni Road between Stanley Road and Grey Street. This booklet has information about the timeline of works, noise and disruption, traffic management, parking and access to properties.

Please be aware that these works will cause major delays to parts of the road network. Motorists will be asked to plan their journeys and avoid the area where possible. I apologise in advance for the disruption this will cause, and thank you for your patience.

More information will be shared with you throughout the project but if you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with Downer on 027 8385761.

Nga mihi,

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General Manager, Tairāwhiti Roads

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT

Why is SH35/Awapuni Road being upgraded?

For many years, Awapuni Road residents have complained that traffic noise and vibration causes nuisance and disruption. This is one of the busiest roads in Tairāwhiti.

This project aims to help reduce traffic noise and vibration while building a longer-lasting road, by replacing the current surface with asphalt concrete. Fire hydrants have been moved outside of the driving lane to stop the noise created by tyres driving over hydrant lids. Line marking will also help improve traffic flow.

Why are you only upgrading the road between Grey Street and Stanley Road?

Testing shows the condition of this section is worse than others and has greater deterioration.

What does the upgrade involve?

There are three project phases:

Phase 1: relocating fire hydrants to the beach side of the road – complete

Phase 2: minor preparatory works – complete by 12 April

Phase 3: road rebuilt using asphalt concrete. This includes line marking and levelling utility service lids – between 1-20 April (weather dependent).

What is involved in the process of asphalt concreting?

The asphalt concrete (AC) plant is like a giant food processor that churns all the mix needed. This is trucked on to the site and then placed using a machine that lays the asphalt on to the road surface, flat and level. The AC plant is based out near Gisborne Airport.

ACCESSING PROPERTIES

You will be able to access properties for the majority of the upgrade however, access will be restricted for a short period of time on the day machinery is outside each property. Contractors will visit residents between 4-7pm the night before works are scheduled to take place outside each property and will discuss any restrictions on a case by case basis. Timing will vary but it is likely that restrictions to access will be in place for up to an hour for each property. We are working with businesses on Awapuni Road to minimise disruption and loss of business.

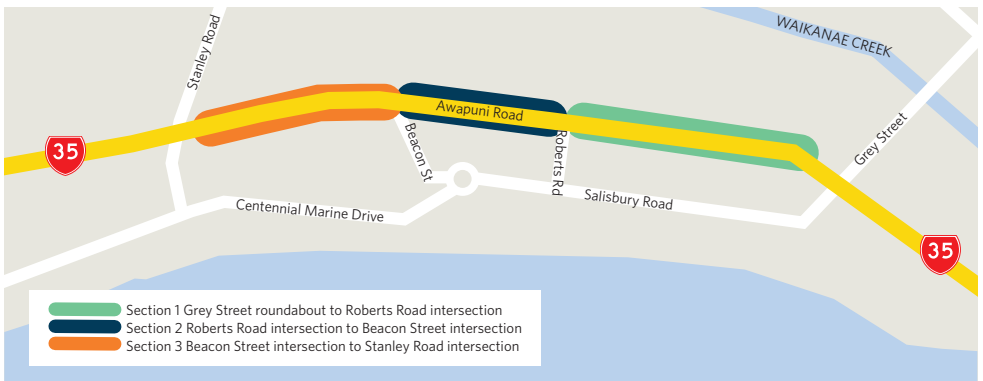
Please refer to the schedule above to see which week the works will take place outside your property. If you have any concerns about access or parking, please contact Michael Walding at Downer on 027 8385761.

ROADSIDE PARKING

Cars will need to be removed from roadside parking lanes on the day of scheduled works. Any cars that have not been moved will be towed to a nearby spot outside of the works area. You will be given notice in person or via a letter in advance of parking restrictions outside your property.

During 'Phase 3' work will be managed in three sections between Grey Street and Stanley Road. Each section will take five or six days to complete (weather dependent) between the hours of 7am and 7pm. If good progress is made, these dates may be brought forward. A letter drop will inform you of any date changes prior to the crew working outside your property.

SECTION	PART OF AWAPUNI ROAD	ESTIMATED START	ESTIMATED END
1	Grey Street to Roberts Road intersection	1 April	5 April
2	Roberts Road intersection to Beacon Street intersection	8 April	13 April
3	Beacon Street intersection to Stanley Road intersection	15 April	20 April



Starting at Grey Street, one lane of the road will be milled (dug out) in sections of approximately 300m each day (excluding Sundays). Asphalt will be laid the same day. The next day this process will be repeated on the opposite side of the road, and then the machinery will move forward to complete the next 300m.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

While we are doing our best to keep disruption to a minimum, motorists should expect major delays of up to 30 minutes for the duration of these works. Please consider an alternative route such as Salisbury Road, Kahutia Street, Anzac Street, Childers Road and Grey Street.

Awapuni Road will be kept open under stop/go traffic management with a 30km/h speed restriction in place. Traffic queues are expected on Customhouse Street, Stanley Road, Grey Street and on Awapuni Road.

The Beacon Street/Awapuni Road intersection and the Roberts Road/Awapuni Road intersection will be closed to motorists during works in sections 1 and 2.

HEAVY VEHICLES

SH35/Awapuni Road is the only approved HPMV route. Heavy vehicle drivers should expect major delays and plan ahead.

PEDESTRIANS

Pedestrian access will remain. There will be no changes to footpaths throughout this project.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Priority will be given to emergency service vehicles, with work crews doing everything they can to improve access for these services.

NOISE AND DISRUPTION

Road milling and asphalt laying will take place between 7am-7pm. Digging up the existing road surface will be the noisiest part of the works, but it will be temporary. Replacing the surface with asphalt will not be as noisy but vibrating rollers will be felt and heard. You may notice steam rising from the hot asphalt once laid, and an odour for a short period of time.

Other works such as line marking and service lid re-levelling will take place between 7am and 8.30pm. Do not be surprised to see contractors digging up the newly-laid asphalt around service lids – this is the correct process for achieving the smoothest result. Drainage improvements will also be made in the road shoulder beginning April 22, which will restrict roadside parking for some residents (who will be told in advance).

We apologise for the disruption this will cause and thank you for your patience.

SAFETY

Please be cautious when driving or walking through the area, as it will be busy with work crews and machinery. Please respect the speed restriction in place which is there for the safety of work crews and road users. Please also ensure that pets and children are kept away from the site unless supervised.