

SEALING THE TANGARAKAU GORGE

We've made good progress on our plans to seal a 12km section of the highway through the Tangarakau Gorge.

To help get things moving quickly the sealing project is being delivered in two stages. Design for the first two km is now complete and sealing work will get underway in the spring.

Safety improvements

Minor safety improvements such as improved signage and road markings and sections of guardrail will be added to the road when we seal it.

The speed limit through the gorge will also be reviewed.

TANGARAKAU GORGE SEALING PROJECT TIMELINE

Preparation works first two kms	Early August to October 2020																								
Sealing the first two kms							October 2020 to March 2021																		
Design and consents 10 km	June 2020 to January 2021																								
Sealing the remaining 10km							February 2021 to mid 2022																		
	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
	2020						2021						2022												

PROTECTING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Retaining the character of the area and protecting the natural environment is a key objective of the sealing project. We've been working closely with iwi and the Department of Conservation to ensure the sealing project has minimal impact on the surrounding environment and that the picturesque journey through the gorge is retained.

HOW WILL WE DO THIS?

- All works will be undertaken within the existing road reserve
- We will undertake minimal widening of the road only where we can do so without impacting the environment
- Stormwater from the sealed road will be carefully managed to avoid any discharge into streams that stem off the Tangarakau River
- We will plant native low-lying shrubs to filter stormwater coming off the sealed road.

