



Kahouri Stream bridge upgrade

Safety improvements



Work to build a two-lane bridge over Kahouri Stream, on State Highway 43 (SH43) east of Stratford will get underway next month. The new bridge will provide safer access for vehicles, while the existing one lane bridge, built in 1908, will be retained for people to walk and cycle across.

With twin 3.5 metre lanes and a one metre verge, the new bridge will better accommodate increased traffic volumes in the area and create a safer, more accessible route for trucks and the travelling public.

The road approaching the new bridge will also be realigned to make it easier to navigate, reducing the risk of crashes.

The new Kahouri Stream Bridge is part of a \$30m package of improvements for the Forgotten World Highway including the sealing of the Tāngarākau Gorge and safety improvements such as new signage and side barriers.

Funded through Kānoa - Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit and the regional allocation of the NZ Upgrade Programme, the programme of works aims to make the route safer and more accessible for locals and increase tourism to the area.



Have questions? Get in touch

Please email the project team at fwh@nzta.govt.nz

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The new Kahouri Stream Bridge design

The new two-lane bridge will be 57 metres long with twin 3.5 metre lanes and a one metre verge. An improved alignment approaching the bridge will be created.

Construction stages

Detailed bridge upgrade designs and land purchases have been completed, and consents have been granted. We expect to appoint a contractor to complete the works in the coming weeks and commence construction in June 2023.

Traffic impacts

We'll be back in touch to provide information on traffic impacts when we have a confirmed start date.

Map showing Kahouri Stream bridge alignment

