

# TAIPA BRIDGE PROJECT UPDATE 2017

*The Taipa bridge located on SH10 is being replaced by a new two-lane bridge as part of 1km of roading and town centre improvements.*

## SH10 AND TAIPA TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS

The Taipa bridge will be among the first single-lane bridges to be replaced by the NZ Transport Agency, as part of the NZ Government's Northland Bridges programme.

The existing bridge has limited provision for pedestrians and does not provide for cyclists, both of whom are important components of the tourist economy. During the peak visitor season, traffic demand is higher than usual. There are regular delays, and road safety concerns with the bridge and nearby intersections.

The new bridge will have two traffic lanes and a shared path for pedestrians and cyclists. A pedestrian crossing will be constructed outside Taipa Area School and improvements will be made to the town centre.

The existing bridge will be removed once the new bridge and state highway works are completed.

## TAIPA AND THE SURROUNDING AREA HAS A RICH HISTORY

Taipa Bridge is important to local hapu who share the kaitiakitanga in the Taipa area. A monument adjacent to the bridge marks the first landing place of the Polynesian explorer Kupe. The river and estuary that the bridge crosses are also places of significance to the hapu and their ancestors. The Transport Agency is working with local hapu who will monitor all geotechnical investigations and provide cultural input over the course of construction works.

## WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

Following approval of consents, construction is expected to start in late 2017 and be completed in 2019. Prior to this, the Taipa Area School pedestrian crossing is to be constructed in mid 2017.

The works are being carried out by Fulton Hogan.

The existing state highway will remain open throughout construction as will adjoining local roads.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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# TAIPA BRIDGE PROPOSED ALIGNMENT

