



Taipā Bridge replacement project



TAIPĀ BRIDGE OPENS TO ONE LANE

Taipā Bridge opened to one-lane traffic on Friday 15 February.

Darren Rupapera (Kaitiaki) was the first across, on his routine delivery route. 'I come through Taipā just about every day and this will be a great improvement. It's a great day for Northland. When they told me I was going to be the first to drive over the new bridge, I was so excited. It's something I'll always have to tell my mokopuna. Man, it's an honour.'

The switch of traffic onto the northbound lane creates a safe area for our crews to demolish the old bridge. The southbound lane is to be used for machinery and equipment during this process.

Demolition is expected to take four to six months and the bridge will only carry single-lane traffic during that time.

There are some restrictions on overdimensional loads crossing the new bridge.

PROGRESS IN PICTURES



The new bridge from upstream site. The visible bolt holes are for a new architectural handrail that will help reflect the cultural importance of Taipa.



Final day of traffic on the old bridge - 14 February 2019.



The safety barrier has been installed on the live lane side and will be installed on the opposite side once demolition of the existing bridge has been completed.

OLD BRIDGE DEMOLITION SAFETY MESSAGE

The bridge is now closed for jumping until the end of works. This is because there will be underwater hazards as we dismantle the existing bridge. A jumper who hits or lands on this equipment risks serious injury.

We understand the long standing tradition of jumping, but stress that now the 'no jumping' signs are up, there can't be any jumping and anyone wanting to pass under the bridge will need to make contact with the site team. Jumping will be unsafe for most of Winter 2019. We can look forward to our wonderful new viewing platform when the project is complete.

Please talk about this with whanau, family and friends, and in particular children. Please help us to keep everyone safe.



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