



# Taipā Bridge replacement project



## PROJECT PROGRESS

As we near the final stages of construction and head into warmer months, we're starting to see some exciting developments at Taipā Bridge. The installation of the waka (Taurapa and Taiuhu) are a reminder that finishing touches are not far away and spring is around the corner. The downstream side of the bridge will be 'dressed' first, with the upstream side finished at the end of the project.

Construction of the various layers of the road will be finished in the township from August to October. To enable us to do this safely there will be a 4-way traffic control in place. Once the work is finished, there will be a new road surface from the bridge through Taipā township and up past the Taipā Area School. We appreciate your patience while we work through this phase of the project.

The first two of the four waka arms were put into place in mid-July. They have been made in Auckland by our subcontractor Preco. We transported them to Taipā on a 40 foot flat deck truck.

Weight: 10 tonne each

Height: 5 metres

Pictured is the rear of the waka which stands at 5m high. The waka is heading into land from the sea.



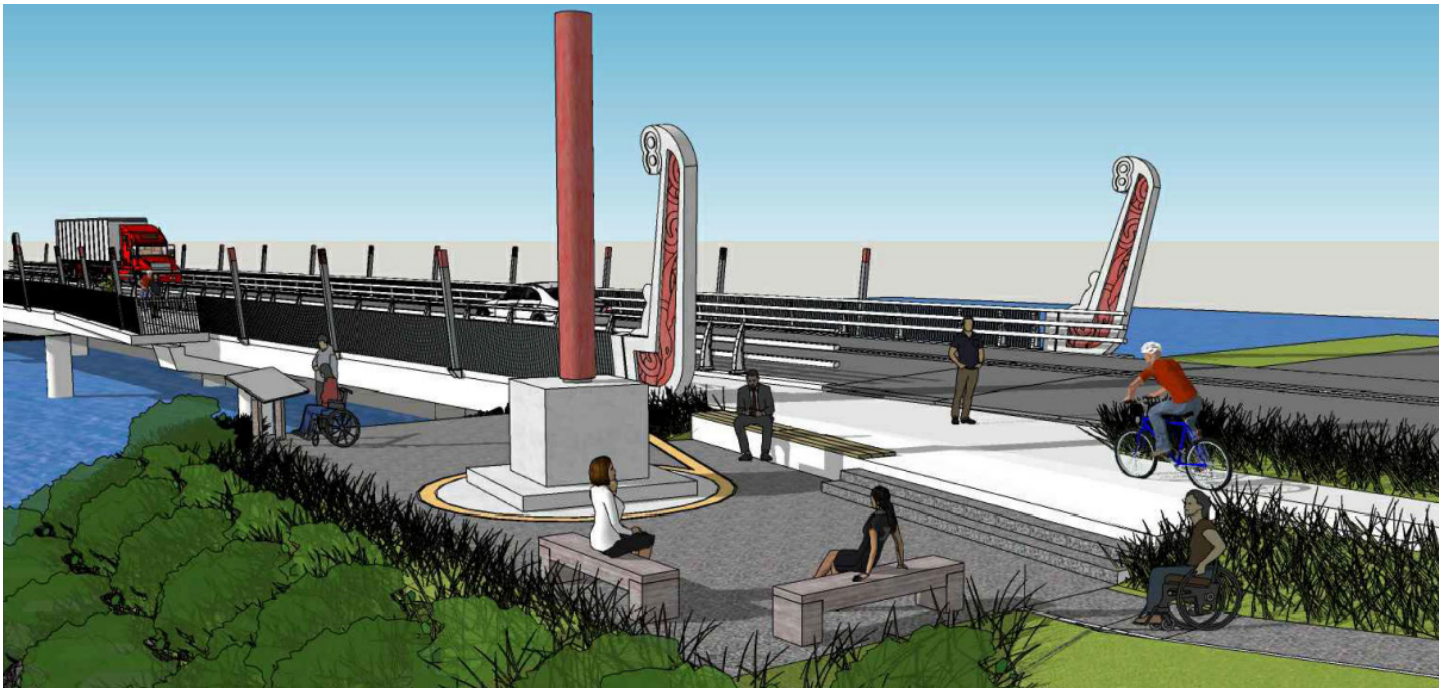
This image was taken early in July and shows that all piers from the old bridge are gone. At the time of writing this, the team were busy removing the piles below the existing sand level. We plan to finish this work by the end of August and we will then begin work on the viewing platform and handrail.



## DRAINAGE

The improved drainage as part of the Taipā Bridge replacement has been critical to help reduce the risk of flooding at the school. The school reported that during recent heavy rainfall they expected the school to be flooded, and were pleasantly surprised to see it didn't.

This is due to the upgrade of the existing stormwater pipework from the bridge to the school. As part of this work, 480m of concrete pipes have been laid by our drainage team. These pipes range in diameter from 1350mm to 525mm.



## VISION FOR TAI PĀ BRIDGE AND OFFICIAL OPENING

We are close to completion and are excited that we can now share with you our final vision. Pictured is an artist's impression of the recreational area, situated on the township side of the bridge. This is where the pou will be installed and where locals and visitors to the community can relax, take in the view and read about the culture and history of the area on storyboards.

We have decided to delay our official opening ceremony until December 2019. However the bridge will open to two lanes before this. The decision to wait until December to officially celebrate the completion of the project means the landscaping planned for October will be well established. The warmer, drier weather will ensure a stronger, longer lasting road surface.

## TAIPĀ STORES REMAIN OPEN

The local stores in the Taipā township remain open during construction. Signs have been erected to show how to access the carpark and a clearway has been painted on Oruru Road. We hope this helps to ease any confusion during the last critical stages of our improvement works.

During construction, 2 out of the 3 entrances will always remain open. All these shops are open and ready for your business. If you need any help with accessing the stores, our traffic crew or on-site crew are only too happy to help.



### PROJECT CONTACTS

Please contact Melanie Norris **027 236 3078** or [melanie.norris@fultonhogan.com](mailto:melanie.norris@fultonhogan.com)  
Keep up with progress at: [www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/connecting-northland/twin-coast-discovery-route/taipa-bridge/](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/connecting-northland/twin-coast-discovery-route/taipa-bridge/)

