

Takitimu North Link

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We're working to make travel between Tauranga and Ōmokoroa safer and better by building Takitimu North Link, a new four-lane expressway, with a shared path for walking and cycling.

Through the NZ Upgrade Programme \$933 million funding has been provided for Takitimu North Link. This will be one of the Bay of Plenty's most significant roading projects.

The existing State Highway 2 Waihi to Tauranga is a busy highway with a poor safety record. It has developed into a busy commuter and freight route as well as an important tourist link for the northern Bay of Plenty and Coromandel Peninsula. It is also one of New Zealand's highest risk rural roads.

Once complete, the Takitimu North Link will significantly improve safety and access, contribute to more sustainable transport for local communities, and support economic growth across the region.

ŌMOKOROA

STAGE TWO

extends the expressway a further 7km between Te Puna and Ōmokoroa

TE PUNA

BETHLEHEM

TAURANGA

STAGE ONE

6.8km four-lane expressway between Tauranga and Te Puna

NZ Upgrade Programme

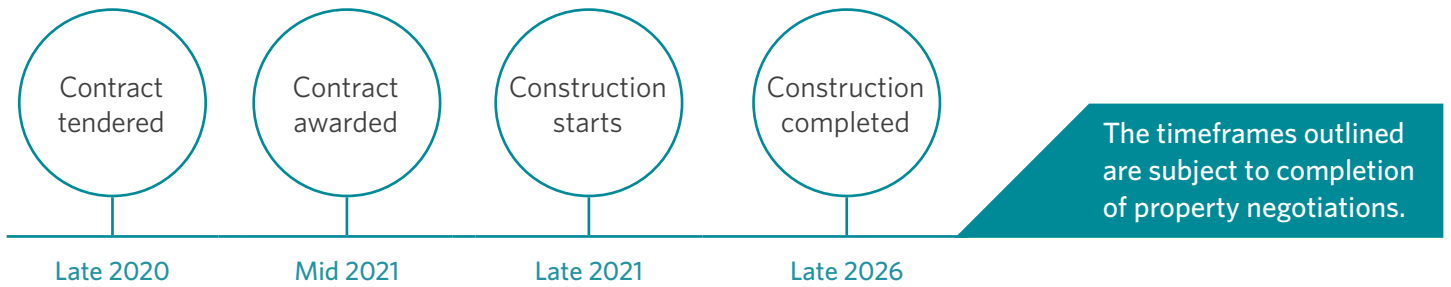
The NZ Upgrade Programme (NZUP) is a \$6.8 billion transport investment in New Zealand to get our cities moving, to save lives and boost productivity in growth areas. Waka Kotahi is proud to be the major delivery agent for 20 of the Programme's 24 transport projects on behalf of the Government.

Timeline of next steps

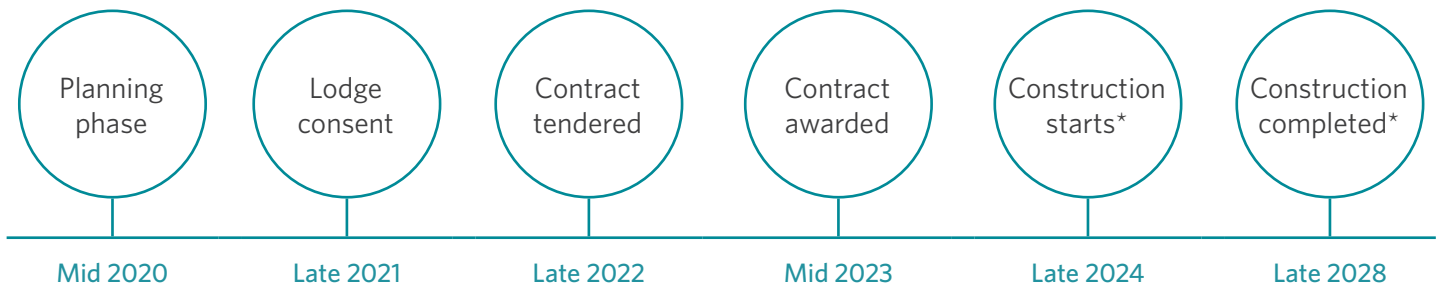
There are several challenges delivering projects of this size and scale, including land of cultural significance, the sensitive coastal environment, small and fragmented landholdings, and stormwater treatment and disposal.

In the current phase of the project there is a considerable amount of land required for the two stages of the project before construction can get underway. This is a complex and sensitive process and we have been prioritising our discussions with property owners. We also want to hear from anyone else who feels they will be impacted by the Takitimu North Link project, email bopprojects@nzta.govt.nz

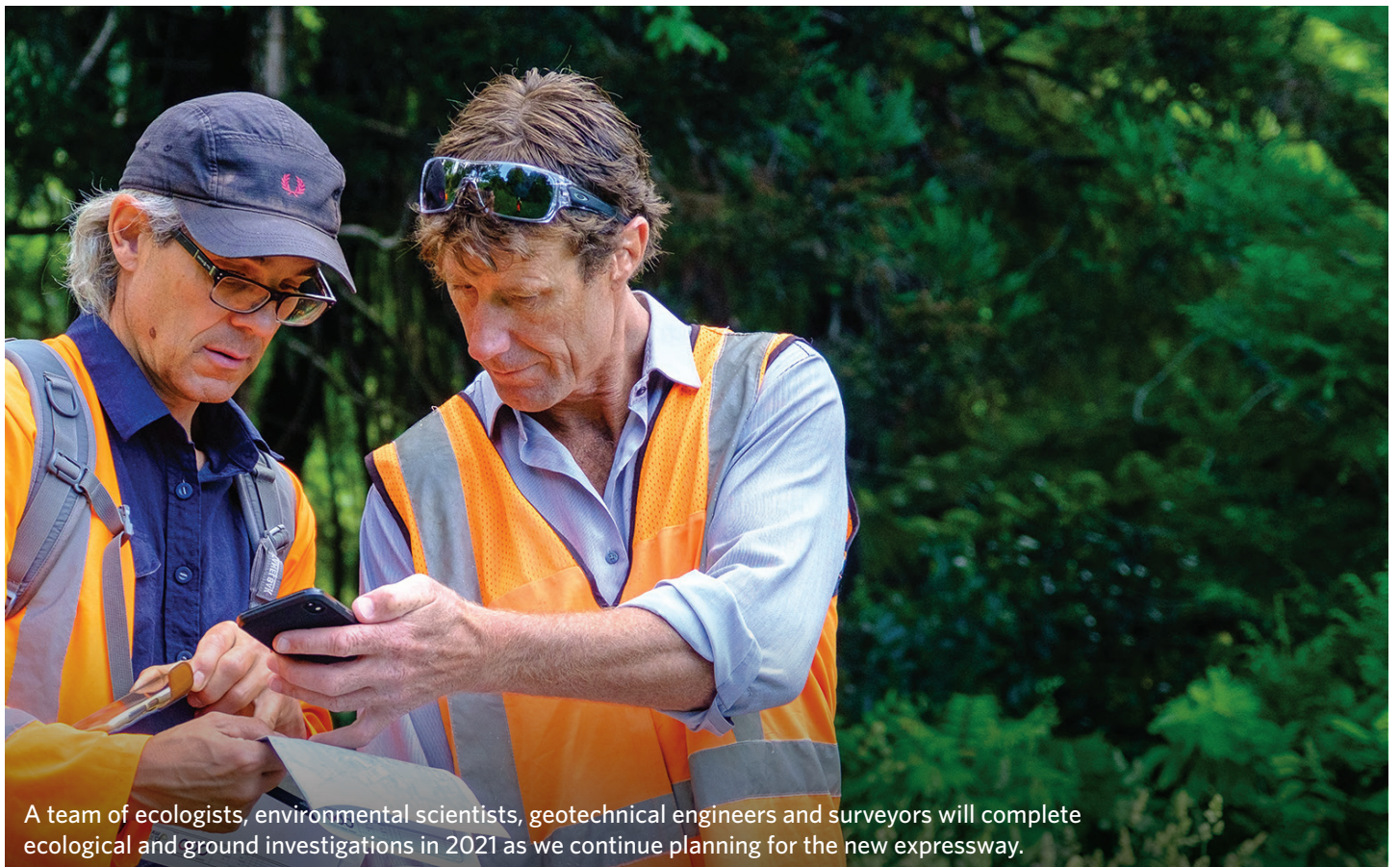
STAGE ONE TAURANGA TO TE PUNA



STAGE TWO TE PUNA TO ŌMOKOROĀ

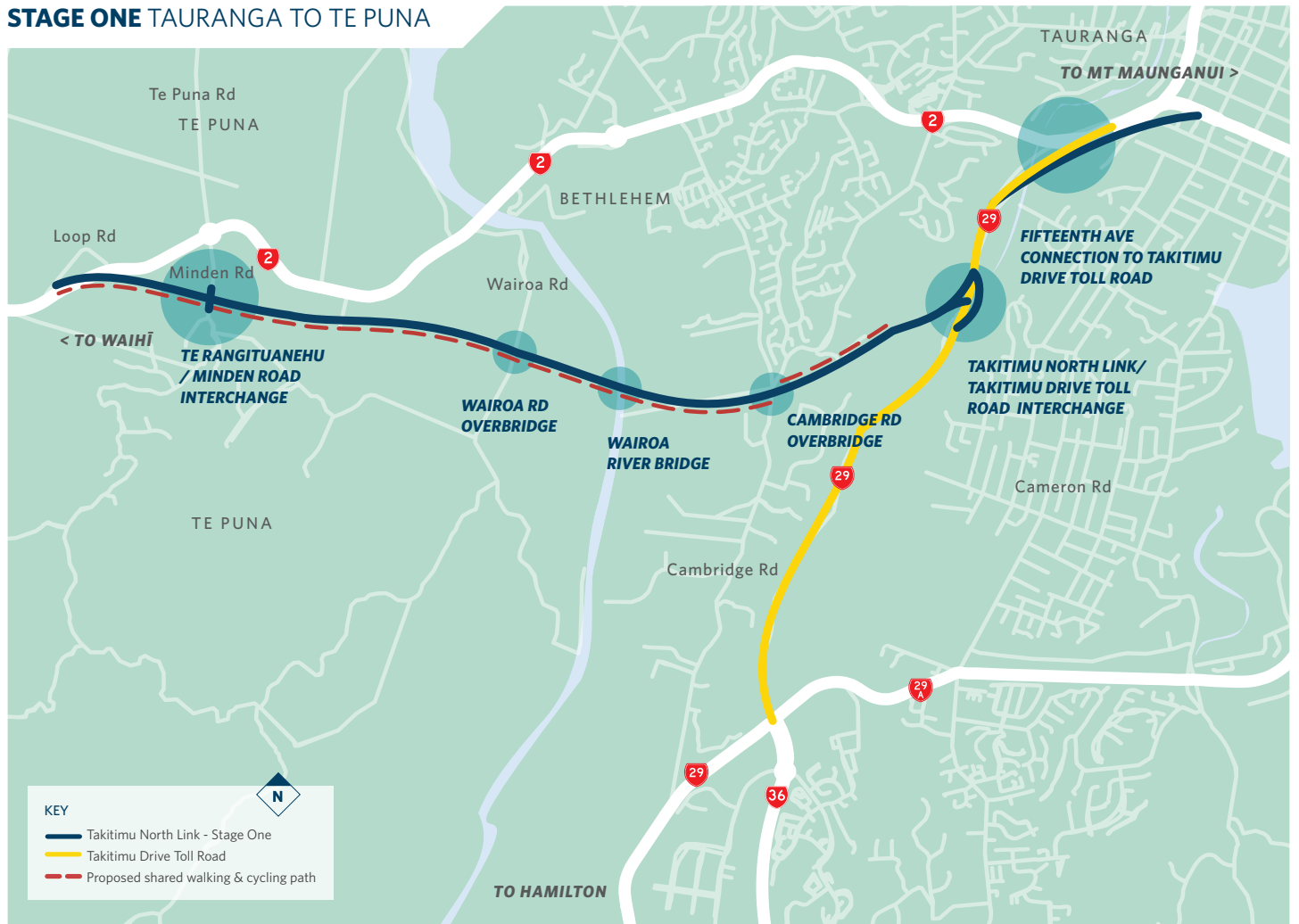


* The timeframes outlined are subject to completion of designation and consenting requirements, and property negotiations.



A team of ecologists, environmental scientists, geotechnical engineers and surveyors will complete ecological and ground investigations in 2021 as we continue planning for the new expressway.

STAGE ONE TAURANGA TO TE PUNA



STAGE TWO TE PUNA TO ŌMOKOROA



The gift of a name

We acknowledge the cultural significance of this whenua and were proud to be gifted the name, Takitimu North Link, by our hapū partnership group, Te Paerangi, in September 2020.

The alignment for the Takitimu North Link Stage One project is within the rohe of Ngāti Ranginui iwi, and includes the hapū of Pirirākau, Ngai Tamarawaho, Ngāti Hangarau, Ngāti Kahu, Ngāti Pango, and Ngāti Rangi, (these six local hapū are represented within Te Paerangi), and Ngāti Taka. Takitimu North Link Stage Two is within the Pirirākau and Ngāti Taka rohe.

Takitimu recognises the connection to the waka that brought the tohunga and navigator Tamatea Arikiniui to Aotearoa, at Tirikawa, the base of Mauao, at the entrance of Tauranga Moana.

Connecting Takitimu North Link and the community

The new expressway will have an integrated network of connections to support local journeys as well as regional and through traffic.



Expressway connections

Regional and through traffic using the new expressway will be able to connect to local roads using interchanges at:

- Takitimu North Link/Takitimu Drive Toll Road Interchange
- Te Rangituanehu/Minden Road Interchange
- Ōmokoroa Road Interchange



Local roads

When the Takitimu North Link project is complete, the existing SH2 will become an important local road managed by Western Bay of Plenty District Council and Tauranga City Council with reduced traffic volumes and heavy freight using the alternative Takitimu North Link route.



Walking and cycling

The Takitimu North Link is part of the largest investment in walking and cycling in New Zealand history, with a proposed shared path for walking and cycling. Waka Kotahi is also working with Western Bay of Plenty District Council on the Ōmokoroa to Tauranga cycleway expanding the network. This greatly improves safety for cyclists and provides better transport choices to support reducing transport-related greenhouse gas emissions, as our communities continue to grow.

Will the Takitimu North Link be tolled?

Every new state highway in New Zealand is assessed to see if it meets criteria to be tolled. A comprehensive tolling assessment will be completed and depending on the outcome, the Waka Kotahi Board may recommend tolling to the Minister of Transport and seek permission to consult with the public on the proposal. If tolled, the revenue will be used for the maintenance and operation of the road.



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