

Takitimu North Link

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A new bridge crossing at Wairoa Awa (River) is part of the planned four-lane expressway, providing a new connection from Tauranga to Te Puna.

Through the New Zealand Upgrade Programme \$655m funding has been provided for Takitimu North Link – Stage One, Tauranga to Te Puna. This is a new four-lane expressway, with a shared path for walking and cycling. The design component of the contract has been awarded to Fulton Hogan / HEB Joint Venture.

In June 2021 the Government decided route protection of Stage Two, a 7km extension between Te Puna and Ōmokoroa, will be progressed as part of the New Zealand Upgrade Programme. Further work beyond route protection, including construction, will require funding through the National Land Transport Programme.

The existing SH2 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.

When Stage One of the project is complete, the existing SH2 will become an important local road with reduced traffic volumes and heavy freight using the alternative Takitimu North Link route.

The New Zealand Upgrade Programme (NZUP) is a \$8.6 billion transport investment that will provide more travel choices, help people get where they're going safely and future proof the economy. Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is proud to be the major delivery agent for 20 of the Programme's 24 transport projects. In June 2021 the Government announced changes to the New Zealand Upgrade Programme to meet climate change and housing objectives, as well as manage cost increases and debt responsibly following COVID-19.



STAGE TWO

Extends the expressway a further 7km between Te Puna and Ōmokoroa. Only route protection of Stage Two will be progressed under NZUP. Further work beyond this, including pre-implementation and construction, is not currently funded.

OVERBRIDGE INTERCHANGE AT TE RANGITUANEHU / MINDEN ROAD

UNDERPASS AT WAIROA ROAD

NEW BRIDGE CROSSING AT WAIROA AWA (RIVER)

UNDERPASS AT CAMBRIDGE ROAD

NORTHBOUND FLYOVER / SOUTHBOUND BYPASS LANE AT TAKITIMU DRIVE TOLL ROAD INTERCHANGE

NEW FIFTEENTH AVE CONNECTION TO TAKITIMU DRIVE TOLL ROAD

STAGE ONE

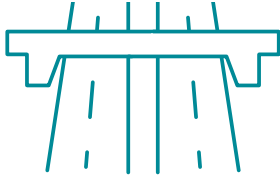
6.8km four-lane expressway between Tauranga and Te Puna. Construction start date to be confirmed when property negotiations are complete.

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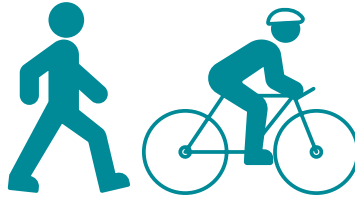
- Takitimu North Link
- Takitimu Drive Toll Road
- Proposed shared walking & cycling path



6.8 km
FOUR-LANE
EXPRESSWAY



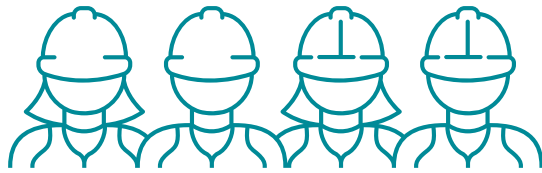
**MORE WAYS
TO TRAVEL**



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BRIDGES



350-400 JOBS



**MILLION M³
EARTHWORKS**



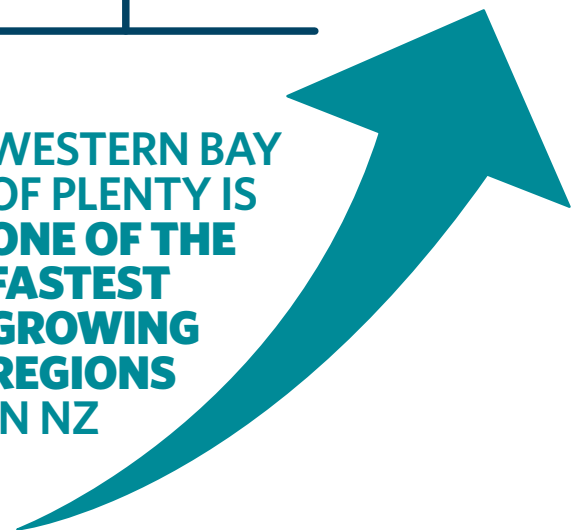
20,000

VEHICLES CROSS WAIROA
RIVER BRIDGE EVERY DAY



PREDICTED TO INCREASE TO
MORE THAN 30,000 BY 2031

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OF PLENTY IS
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Geotechnical investigations between Tauranga and Te Puna began in May 2021 for Stage One of the Takitimu North Link project, these were marked with a blessing with members of Te Paerangi, represented by six local hapū. Investigations will happen across the project site over several months and are underway near Cambridge Road, Minden Road and Takitimu Drive.

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

We are currently working through the land purchase process, before construction can get underway. This is a complex and sensitive process and we are prioritising our discussions with property owners.

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 Rangī, (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 Arikinui to Aotearoa, at Tirikawa, the base of Mauao, at the entrance of Tauranga Moana.

More ways to travel

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 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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