

TNL frequently asked questions

What are the benefits of the TNL?

Once constructed, the Tauranga Northern Link will improve safety and support both economic development and population growth.

Where does the TNL go?

The Tauranga Northern Link is proposed as a 6.8km inland route from the Takitimu Drive Toll Road through to Loop Road, just west of Te Puna. It has been designated for over 10 years.

What is the problem with the existing state highway?

The rate of growth combined with existing safety, access and congestion issues means that we need to look at ways to improve this section of SH2.

Does this project include the Te Puna / Minden area?

The TNL extends to Loop Road and includes the Te Puna and the Minden areas.

Why do we need the TNL now?

There is growing concern as to the safety of SH2 and the route's ability to meet the future growth and transport demands. Currently, approximately 18,500 vehicles travel across the Wairoa River bridge each day.

The population of areas served by the highway is growing. Considerable horticulture-related growth (eg avocado and kiwifruit) is expected in the northern Bay of Plenty over the next 30 years. A large amount of produce is transported via SH2 to the Port of Tauranga for export.

By 2031, traffic numbers are predicted to increase to over 30,000 vehicles per day, worsening safety and congestion issues, as well as increasing costs for freight operators.

From what was once a rural road passing through a few country settlements this 57km section of state highway has developed into a busy commuter, agribusiness and regional freight route, local road, and a popular tourist link between Bay of Plenty and the Coromandel Peninsula.

The TNL is a key part of the region's SmartGrowth strategy.

When will the TNL be built?

Construction is programmed to take place between 2018-2022.

Who is building it?

A competitive procurement process will be undertaken to select a contractor to build the TNL.

What will it cost?

The estimated value of the TNL is \$286million.

Will it be tolled?

It is Transport Agency policy that all new state highway projects are tested for tolling feasibility. The outcomes of this testing can be expected in 2017.

What is being done between now and 2018?

Over the next two years the Transport Agency will be working with affected land owners to purchase the remaining land required for the project, applying for the necessary consents, refining the design and completing the tolling feasibility report and revocation plan.

How much land do you need to purchase?

Over 70% of the land required for the TNL has been purchased.

I am an affected landowner, where can I get more information?

Landowners can go to Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) website for more information www.linz.govt.nz/crown-property/acquisition-and-disposal-land/public-works

LINZ also produces a booklet, Landowners' Rights When the Crown Requires Your Land for a Public Work, to inform landowners of their rights in the negotiations to acquire land for a public work. It also explains the role of accredited suppliers in those negotiations.

You can browse this information online or download a printable version of this publication from their website www.linz.govt.nz

When are the Katikati Bypass and Omokoroa four-laning happening?

The issues at these locations are now included as part of the Waihi to Tauranga programme and detailed business cases will establish whether these options are the best way to achieve the programme objectives.

What is KiwiRAP?

The New Zealand Road Assessment Programme, KiwiRAP, analyses the road safety of the state highway network. Based on inspection of various design elements, the Star Rating provides an evaluation of the impact and severity those elements would have in a crash scenario.

It is a partnership between the NZ Automobile Association, NZ Transport Agency, Ministry of Transport, ACC and NZ Police.

For more information visit www.kiwirap.org.nz

Have questions about the Tauranga Northern Link? Please contact the Transport Agency



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