

Waikato and Bay of Plenty state highway works for July/August 2024

Right through the middle of the wetter and colder winter months, maintenance crews are out and about across the network on a regular basis, repairing issues or making areas safe as required.

Sandra King, Bay of Plenty System Manager, Maintenance and Operations, explains; “During weather events, road conditions can change quickly, and our teams are ready to respond. Repairs will happen as soon as possible, and in some instances, we may need to install traffic management to ensure the safety of road users and our crews.

“Colder weather means the roads can be icy in shaded or alpine areas, and roads can be slippery even when it gets warmer during the middle of the day.

“Adjust your driving to reduce the risk of sliding. Slow down, increase your following distance, and avoid sudden braking or turning.

“Extra care should be taken, especially over bridges. Bridges cool down quicker than a normal section of road as cold air has more space around the structure to cool it down. That makes it easier for ice to form, which then takes longer to melt away. A bridge may be slippery even if the road either side of the bridge isn’t,” says Ms King.

Take care if you see roadworkers out in the early morning – it’s likely the road ahead hasn’t been treated yet. Visit our website for more information about driving during winter: nzta.govt.nz/winter-driving/

Remember to always check NZTA Journey planner for up to date information on road conditions. journeys.nzta.govt.nz

Note: Over the winter months this traffic bulletin will be issued fortnightly.

Bay of Plenty

Tauranga

- **SH29 Takitimu Drive Toll Road (TDTR):** A reduced speed limit of 70km/h is in place while Takitimu North Link crews are working behind the barriers. [More information](#)
- **Cambridge/Moffat roads:** A section of Cambridge Road East from Moffat Road to St Andrews roundabout will be closed while the new intersection joining onto Moffat Road is constructed. Detours and temporary speed limits are in place for the closed section of Cambridge Road East. [More Information](#)
- **SH2 Tauranga Harbour bridge on-ramp:** From Sunday 4 August to Tuesday 6 August the SH2 Chapel Street on-ramp towards Mount Maunganui will be closed for expansion joint maintenance, between 8pm and 5am each night. During the ramp closure a detour will be available via Marsh Street and the Dive Crescent on-ramp to the Harbour bridge.
- **SH2 Bay Link:** In the coming weeks, daytime lane closures during off-peak hours will be required across the project site for surface inspections and landscaping. Nightworks will take place on Monday 29 July (from approximately 8pm to 5am) with Girven Road closed between Bayfair roundabout and Gloucester Road for surfacing works. For light vehicles heading northbound, a signposted detour via Gloucester Road, Eversham Road, Exeter Street, SH2, SH2/29A Te Maunga interchange, SH29A roundabout and Maunganui Road northbound will apply. For southbound light vehicles, a signposted detour via Exeter Street, Eversham Road and Gloucester Road will apply. Throughout the week there will also be overnight lane closures to allow the installation of cat’s eyes across the project site. These works are weather dependent. Please follow signposted detours. [More Information](#)

- **SH2 Tauranga Eastern Link Toll Road:** A 2km section of SH2, just past the Kaituna River bridge continues to be reduced to a single lane in each direction to allow construction of the Pāpāmoa East interchange to progress. This closure will remain in place for the duration of construction, with a temporary 70km/h speed limit in place. [More information.](#)
- **SH2 Tauranga Eastern Link Toll Road (TELTR):** The Quayside Properties Ltd-led Rangiora Business Park Interchange project continues. Temporary barriers are in place until mid-August 2024, with 1 lane available in either direction. A temporary speed limit of 70km/h applies through the site. [More information.](#)

Western Bay of Plenty

- **SH2 Waihi to Ōmokoroa:** Median barrier and sign installation continues between Walker Road East and Wright Road. There will be intermittent stop/go traffic management which may cause longer delays. Please follow the temporary signs and directions of the traffic management team and watch for layout changes. Between Sharp Road and Lund Road there is a shoulder and lane closure in place.
- **SH2 Takitimu North Link – Loop Road:** An overnight concrete pour will take place near Loop Road on SH2, Te Puna, in August. While a specific date is to be confirmed, work will take place between 11pm Friday and 6pm Saturday. From Monday 5 August Minden Road will see 8 weeks of shoulder closures and stop/go during the day; this is to enable utility works to take place.
- **SH2 Apata Curves:** Road widening works underway. Lane shifts are in place along with speed restrictions. There will be intermittent stop/go traffic management in place which may cause longer delays. Follow the temporary signs and directions of the traffic management team and watch for layout changes.
- **SH2 Ōmokoroa Road:** Shoulder and lane closures with speed restrictions are in place for roundabout construction. There will be intermittent stop/go traffic management in place which may cause longer delays on Ōmokoroa Road. Please follow the temporary signs and directions of the traffic management team and watch for layout changes. [More information.](#)
- **SH29 Tauriko/Redwood Lane:** As part of the SH29 Tauriko Enabling Works project construction continues on Redwood Lane and SH29 between south of Belk Road and Gargan Road with a stop/go on Redwood Lane and shoulder closures and mobile operations in place on SH29. Minor delays are expected. People are asked to drive and cycle with extra care through the SH29/Redwood Lane and Belk Road area and adhere to the reduced speed limit of 70km/h. [More information.](#)

Rotorua

- **SH30 Eastern Corridor Stage Two:** Work has commenced on the culvert at the end of the Motion car park. The temporary bridge has been removed allowing a box culvert to be installed, a rock wall (riprap) constructed, a new footpath and a handrail. A lane is closed between the Iles Road intersection and Basley Road intersection, and the far north exit out of the Motion car park is closed. The footpath along the worksite is closed with detours in place. We expect this work to take 5 weeks, weather permitting. [More information](#)
- **SH33 Te Ngae Junction to Paengaroa:** From Monday 29 July minor maintenance works will be undertaken approximately 6km north of Ōkere Falls on SH33. Temporary traffic management is in place including stop/go, shoulder closures and reduced speed limits. Work is expected to take up to one week. [More information](#)
- **SH36 Mangorewa Gorge:** From 5 August 6 weeks of underslip and wall repairs will take place, between Mangorewa Gorge and Hamurana. The first 2 weeks of work will require daytime closures between 8am and 4pm between Pyes Pā roundabout and Hamurana. Outside of these

hours, 1 lane will be closed with stop/go traffic lights in place. Access for residents will be maintained at all times and for users of TECT park from the Tauranga side North of Te Matai Road. The following 4 weeks of work will require permanent stop/go traffic management. During the full closure the detour for all vehicles travelling between Pyes Pā Road and Hamurana will be via SH29A, SH2 Tauranga Eastern Link Roll Road (or Te Puke Highway), continuing to SH33 through Paengaroa, then SH30, and SH30A through Rotorua, turning right onto SH5 and rejoining SH5 Ngongotahā.

Eastern Bay of Plenty

- **SH34 Kawerau – Tarawera River bridge walkway:** Upgrades to the walkway over the Tarawera River in Kawerau continue until the end of next week. The old walkway is being demolished and a new steel walkway will be built. There is stop/go in place between 6.30am and 5.30pm Monday to Saturday, when there is no work taking place on site traffic signals will be operating. Scaffolding will be in place under the bridge, so the waterway can be protected, and workers can be kept safe during construction. [More information](#)
- **SH35 Opape:** Slip repair work will start on Monday 5 August and take 6 weeks to complete near Opape Beach Road. The work will take place between 6am and 6pm each day with a lane closure in place with stop/go traffic management. Motorists can expect delays of up to 10 minutes.

Tairāwhiti Gisborne/Hawke's Bay

- **SH5 Napier to Taupō:** Recovery alliance Transport Rebuild East Coast (TREC) continues to progress safety improvements, as well as repair, recovery and maintenance activities at multiple sites on SH5 between Eskdale and Waipunga. Overall, please expect cumulative delays of up to 40 minutes if travelling the whole of SH5 (Napier to Taupō). [More information.](#)

Waikato

East Waikato

- **SH25 Coromandel:** Drainage repair and clearance is continuing between Waihi and Whiritoa. [More information.](#)

Central Waikato

- **SH1 East Taupō Arterial:** Flexible safety barrier installation continues between SH5 Napier Road and the airport roundabout. One lane is open in each direction with speed restrictions in place. Completion expected late July. [More information.](#)
- **SH41 Tokaanu:** Due to a washout, the road is down to one lane under temporary traffic lights, with a 30km/h temporary speed restriction in place. Works to repair the washout will begin next week and will take 6 weeks to complete.

West Waikato

- **SH1C Waikato Expressway - Te Rapa Bypass:** Final resurfacing of SH1C Te Rapa, from the Te Wetini Dr/Wairere Dr overbridge near Wintec through to the Horotiu Interchange, is underway. Work on the southbound lanes and the Koura Drive on and off ramps started this week. Traffic

will use the northbound lanes, one lane in each direction with speed restrictions in place between Koura Drive and the Horotiu Interchange. The Koura Drive southbound on and off ramps are closed from Monday 22 July, for approximately 2 weeks. While these ramps are closed, traffic wanting to access the expressway southbound from Koura Drive will be advised to use the northbound onramp and turn around using the Horotiu Interchange. Traffic wanting to exit the Expressway at Koura Drive will stay on SH1C and turn around using the SH1C roundabout at Crawford St/Avalon Drive. This will add approximately 10 minutes to a journey. The ramp closures are weather dependant and may be changed if it is too wet or cold to allow asphalt to be laid on those days. [More information.](#)

- **SH1 Waikato Expressway - Ngāruawāhia section:** Night-time closures and detours are ahead between Sunday 28 July and Thursday 1 August as work continues on safety improvements and remedial works. Northbound closures: Sunday to Tuesday 28-30 July, 7pm-5am, Southbound closures: Wednesday-Thursday 31 July-1 August, 7pm-5am The northbound detour takes SH1 traffic via Ngāruawāhia on the old highway between the Horotiu and Gordonton Road interchanges. HPMVs must use SH1B, and overweight vehicles need to use SH2/27, under an existing overweight permit. Southbound detour traffic will use SH1B, rejoining SH1 via Lake Road. However heavy vehicles (50 tonnes and above) must continue on SH1B, including the local road detour around Telephone Road, and connect to SH1 again at Cambridge or via SH26 into Hamilton. [More information.](#)
- **SH1/SH29 Piarere intersection:** Construction is underway on the southern side of the roundabout, with the Tirau approach road being built. To safely accommodate this work, traffic south of the roundabout has been moved onto a recently constructed section of road adjacent to SH1. This is a short bypass road which rejoins SH1 before the intersection, which continues to operate as normal. This arrangement is expected to remain in place until September 2024, when construction will start on the next approach road and another temporary layout change will be put in place. More information will be provided to road users ahead of each change in layout. Motorists are reminded to drive with care through the site. A temporary speed limit of 60km/h is in place around the project site to protect road workers and ensure the safety of everyone travelling through the area. [More information](#)
- **SH23 Raglan:** Urgent slip repairs are underway on a section of SH23 at the Greenslade Road intersection. Traffic management is in place Monday to Friday, between 9am and 3pm, under a 3-way stop/go on SH23 and Greenslade Road. Outside of this time the road will be open with a shoulder closure and temporary speed limit in place. This work is expected to be finished by Friday 9 August and is weather dependent. [More information.](#)

North Waikato

- **SH1 Nikau Road:** The northbound off-ramp will be closed on Monday 29 July between 9pm and 5am for resurfacing. Please use alternative off-ramps at Pokeno or Bombay.
- **SH1 Pokeno interchange:** The southbound on-ramp and northbound off-ramp will be closed on Tuesday 30 July and Thursday 1 August between 9pm and 5am for resurfacing. SH1 Pokeno southbound on-ramp: Please use alternative on-ramps at Nikau Road or Mercer. Pokeno northbound off-ramp: Please continue on SH1 and exit at Ridge Road northbound off-ramp, turn around at Nikau Road and head south using Nikau Road southbound on-ramp on SH1 to get off at Pokeno.
- **SH1 Island Block Road to Mercer interchange:** There will be a full northbound closure on Sunday 28 July between 10pm and 5am for resurfacing. Traffic will still be able to travel north using one of the southbound lanes. Stop/go traffic management will also be in place at Mercer interchange.

- **SH1 Hampton Downs:** The northbound off-ramp will be closed on Monday 29 July between 9pm and 5am for resurfacing. Please use alternative off-ramps at Springhill Road or Te Kauwhata Road.
- **SH2 Rawiri Road to Maxwell Road:** Stop/go traffic management will be in place on Monday 29 July between 9pm to 5am for upgrading of signs.
- **SH2 Dimmock Road to Steen Road:** Stop/go traffic management will be in place on Sunday 28 and Monday 29 July between 9pm and 5am for line marking.
- **SH2 Okaeria Road to Steen Road:** Stop/go traffic management will be in place on Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 July between 9pm and 5am for resurfacing.

Taranaki

- **SH3 Waitara Road, Bell Block:** From Monday 13 May until further notice there will be various temporary speed restrictions and temporary traffic management in place on SH3 at the intersection with Waitara Road. There will be no right turn into Raleigh Street. This will allow workers to complete necessary work on the road in preparation for it connecting with the roundabout. All properties on SH3, Raleigh Street and Tate Road will be accessible for residents during these works.
- **SH4 Paroparowhero Culvert Replacement:** The site has been reinstated to two lanes under a temporary speed limit of 30km/h. The site will be held by a temporary seal over the winter months, until it can be fully rebuilt during the summer construction season.

The above information is accurate at the time of release. Many of the above works are dependent on a number of factors, particularly weather, and may be postponed at short notice. For up-to-date information on road works, traffic, detours and delays, motorists are encouraged to visit the NZTA Journey Planner website (journeys.nzta.govt.nz).

NZTA thanks motorists for their patience while we complete this essential work to keep the state highway network safe, accessible and resilient.

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