

Waikato and Bay of Plenty state highway works for April 2024

Petrolheads will be converging on Taupō between 19 and 21 April for the New Zealand round of the V8 Supercars Championship. Taking place for the first time at the Taupō International Motorsport Park, crowds of up to 25,000 each day are expected to attend.

Roger Brady, Waikato and Bay of Plenty Regional Manager, Maintenance & Operations at NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi notes “accommodation is booked out in town, so it is going to be a busy weekend on all roads leading into Taupō. In particular, people travelling on SH1 around central North Island should allow plenty of time getting to their destination.” [More information](#).

Changing pace, across the region, maintenance work continues with some significant sites starting next week; SH2 Hewletts Road in Tauranga, SH2 Pekatahi bridge in Eastern Bay of Plenty, SH27 in Matamata and SH2 Karangahake Gorge.

The finishing flag is in sight for worksites in Kaimai, Lichfield and further afield at Uruti. As always, check online before you travel, as maintenance work is continuing over the next 4 to 6 weeks, alongside longer-term worksites delivering a range of improvements to the state highway network.

As we enter the cooler months the programme of work across the state highway network shifts gears, with earthworks winding down.

“The recent change of clocks, and seasons, is a great reminder to do a quick once over of your car before winter sets in,” says Mr Brady.

“Check your brakes and tyres (including the spare), and your head and tail lights. It’s also a good idea to have an old hoodie or a waterproof jacket or similar in the boot. You’ll be pleased you did if you have to change a flat tyre in the pouring rain!”

For up-to-date travel information please check the [Journey Planner](#).

Bay of Plenty

Tauranga

- **Takitimu North Link Stage One:** Earthworks are underway across a number of sites. On the new Wairoa Road bridge there will be nightworks on Wednesday 17 April to allow for asphaltting and tie-in works. There will be stop/go place and a temporary speed limit of 30km/h. A temporary haul road, separated from SH2, into the Te Mete Valley is operational with a temporary speed limit of 60km/h alongside the haul road. [More information](#).
- **Cambridge/Moffat roads:** Construction work to complete the new Cambridge Road Overbridge, between Bethlehem and Tauriko is complete and traffic will be switched early next week. In the next phase of work, with the bridge in use, we will continue work to build the new Cambridge Road East intersection with traffic management and temporary speed limits in place. 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, with a detours in place. [More information](#).

- **SH2 Bay Link:** From Sunday 14 April to Thursday 18 April, overnight closures (from approximately 7pm or later each night to 6am the following morning) will apply on Maunganui Road (in both directions between Concord Avenue and Bayfair roundabout), Matapihi Road, Owens Place, SH2 underneath SH2/SH29A Te Maunga interchange and around Bayfair roundabout. Closures and detours will vary night to night, depending on site requirements and progress. [More information.](#)
- **SH29 Takitimu Drive Toll Road (TDTR):** A reduced speed limit of 80km/h is in place while Takitimu North Link crews are working behind the barriers.
- **SH2 Hewletts Road, Mount Maunganui:** From Wednesday 17 April road rebuilding and resurfacing will take place for a month on SH2 Hewletts Road. The work will be carried out at night between 8.30pm and 5.30am from Sunday to Thursday. There will be detours or lane closures in place for different phases of this work. [More information.](#)
- **SH2 Tauranga Eastern Link Toll Road (TELTR) Shared Path:** The shared path alongside SH2 is diverted until May 2024. An alternative option for path users is available via Kaituna Road and Te Tumu Road.
- **SH2 Tauranga Eastern Link Toll Road (TELTR):** The Quayside Properties Ltd-led Rangiuru Business Park Interchange project continues. Temporary barriers are in place until approximately June 2024, with one lane available in either direction. A temporary speed limit of 70km/h applies through the site. [More information.](#)

Western Bay of Plenty

- **SH2 Waihī to Ōmokoroa:** Roundabout construction at Sharp Road is underway with significant activities including nighttime stop/go for asphalt works. There will also be daytime intermittent stop/go traffic management in place which may cause longer delays. Please follow the temporary signs and directions of the traffic management team. Starting in late April 3.8km of flexible median barrier in the Athenree Gorge (north of Katikati) is being installed, this is due to be complete by early May. There will be lane shifts in place with speed restrictions and intermittent stop/go traffic management in place which may cause some delays. Please follow the temporary signs and directions of the traffic management team and watch for layout changes.
- **SH2 Apata Curves:** Road widening works are underway. Lane shifts are in place with speed restrictions. There will be intermittent stop/go traffic management in place which may cause longer delays. Please follow the temporary signs and directions of the traffic management team and watch for layout changes.
- **SH2 Ōmokoroa Road:** Shoulder closures and speed reductions are in place near the SH2/Ōmokoroa Road intersection as early works take place ahead of the Ōmokoroa Roundabout project. [More information.](#)
- **SH29 Kaimai Range:** Resurfacing between Ngamuwahine Road and Kaimai School restarts on Sunday 14 April and continues through to Wednesday 24 April. The work will be carried out from Sunday to Thursday between 8pm and 5am each night. Lane diversions and stop/go with 30km/h temporary speed limits will be in place during these hours. Expect minor delays during daytime hours, as lane shifts and temporary

speed limits remain in place for uneven surfaces.

- **SH36 Pyes Pā:** Tree felling is underway near 1226 Pyes Pā Road and will be completed next week. Work is taking place between 7am and 5pm each weekday, traffic will be held when a tree is being felled; this should be a delay of no more than 5 minutes.

Rotorua

- **SH30 Eastern Corridor Stage Two:** Work underway between Tumene Drive and Ōwhata Road includes surface milling, asphaltting and stormwater connections in the westbound lane. Night works for road resurfacing will take place from 7pm to 5am on Sunday 14 and Monday 15 April. Temporary traffic management including stop/go and speed restrictions will be in place. Minor delays are expected. Noise and vibration are associated with these works. These dates are weather dependent and may alter. Please refer to the VMS boards on site for confirmed dates. Multiple active worksites may include stop/go, lane shifts and shoulder closures, temporary pedestrian crossings, footpath closures, and/or reduced speed limits. The bus stop outside 473 SH30 Te Ngae Road is currently closed while construction is underway on new bus stop foundations. The nearest operational bus stop is located 50 metres west on SH30 / Te Ngae Road (towards Basley Road). Access for local residents and businesses will be maintained at all times. [More information.](#)
- **SH33 Te Ngae Junction to Paengaroa:** Pavement construction is underway and minor traffic delays are expected for this work about 6km north of Ōkere Falls. Other work includes widening of the road corridor, installing safety barriers and improving drainage. Temporary traffic management is in place including stop/go, lane shifts, shoulder closures and reduced speed limits. Traffic lights are in operation 24/7, we expect these to be in place until early May. Minor delays are expected. [More information](#)

Eastern Bay of Plenty

- **SH2 Waioeka Gorge:** Work to repair 2 underslips in the Waioeka Gorge has started and will take 2 months to complete. Crews will be on site between 7am and 6pm each weekday. The worksites are at Oponae and near Goldsmiths Reserve (approximately 4 kms north of Oponae).
- **SH2 Pekatahi bridge:** The Pekatahi bridge will be closed for scheduled maintenance for 4 days from Monday 15 April. Friday 19 April is a contingency day if required. Contractors will be repairing and replacing damaged decking planks. While the work is taking place between 8am and 5pm a detour for all vehicles will be available northbound via Tāneatua Road, Arawa Road, Hinemoa Street and on to SH30 towards Awakeri, southbound traffic will use the same route in reverse. [More information](#)
- **SH34 Kawerau – Tarawera River bridge walkway:** Upgrades to the walkway over the Tarawera River in Kawerau begin on Thursday 18 April and will take 10 weeks to complete. The old walkway is being demolished and a new steel walkway will be built. During construction there will be 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 operational. Scaffolding will be in place under the bridge, so the waterway can be

protected, and workers can be kept safe during construction. [More information.](#)

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 plan for delays of up to 40 minutes across the SH5 Napier to Taupō corridor. Stop/go traffic management and temporary reduced speed limits of 30km/h and/or 50km/h are in place at worksites. Safety improvements are underway at: Marshall's Bridge between Eskdale and Glengarry; the passing lane near Te Pōhue Golf Club; south of the passing lane near Mohaka Rafting, between Te Pōhue and Te Hāroto; and curves south of Tarawera café. As work is dependent on variables such as weather, these sites may change at short notice. [More information.](#)

Waikato

- A variety of safety improvements across the Waikato have started, these will contribute towards making the roads safer. The programme of works includes a mixture of new and modified signage, new hazard warning signs, roadside safety/barrier guard rail, road widening, improved road lines and improved road markings. It is expected there will be minimal disruption for motorists while this work is completed. The works will take place until June 2024. [More information.](#)

East Waikato

- **SH25 Coromandel:** Ongoing recovery works to repair damage caused by last summer's severe weather. The sites include Kereta, Te Kouma, and Wharekaho. Stop/go traffic management will be in place at these locations. Work is also underway between Whangamatā and Waihi to repair and upgrade side drains. [More information.](#)
- **SH25A:** New signage and hazard warning signs, improved road markings and audio tactile profiles (rumble strips) are being installed along SH25A to make the road safer. This work will be complete by late April, with stop/go traffic management in place.
- **SH25 Ruamahunga:** Slip stabilisation continues. Equipment and supplies are being delivered to the top of the slope by helicopter on a regular basis. These will require a series of short road closures so the helicopter can safely operate over the road. This is usually done mid-week across the middle of the day to minimise impacts on traffic.
- **SH25 Tairua:** Contractors will be working overnight for up to 5 nights from Sunday 14 April to lay new asphalt on SH25 through the Tairua town centre. This work will require a series of short road closures each night, between 8.00pm and 6.00am each night, depending on the weather. 30-minute stop/stop road closures will be in place to enable the teams to lay the asphalt quickly and safely. A 3-hour closure will be in place from midnight until 3.00 am on Monday 15 April to allow for resurfacing on the narrow northern approach to the Pepe Stream bridge. Resident and business access will be available from either side of the worksite, and some parking will be available during the closures, however only emergency services vehicles will be able to travel

through the worksite outside scheduled opening periods. [More information.](#)

- **SH2 Karangahake Gorge:** Motorists are advised to expect delays and allow extra time as work to repair an underslip opposite Victoria Battery begins on Monday 15 April. This will take between 4 and 6 weeks, depending on the weather. The road will be reduced to a single lane with stop/go traffic management and a speed restriction in place while work is being done.
- **SH27 Kaihere:** Motorists are advised to take care while underslip repairs take place. This will take between 4 and 6 weeks, depending on weather. While this work is underway the road will be reduced to a single lane with stop/go traffic management and a speed restriction in place.
- **SH24 Matamata to SH29:** At times stop/go traffic management will be in place until mid-April, while road widening work is completed, followed by signage and rumble strip installation. Minor delays are expected.
- **SH27 Matamata:** Resurfacing between Burwood Road intersection and Puketutu Road, starts Monday 15 April and will take 3 days to complete. Work will take place between 7am to 6pm each day. While work is underway the road will be closed with a detour available via Hinuera Road and Puketutu Road. A temporary speed limit will be in place overnight.
- **SH29 Hinuera:** Work to rebuild the road adjacent to the rail crossing is in its final stages. The work is due to be completed by late April when a final asphalt surface will be applied.

Central Waikato

- **SH1 Lichfield:** Just north of Tokoroa, road rehabilitation continues until Thursday April 18. Stop/go traffic management will be in place between 8am and 5pm, along with a light vehicle detour, southbound via Wiltsdown Road, Paraonui Road and Rollett Road. Northbound vehicles will travel in the opposite direction. Heavy vehicles will remain on SH1 at all times. Please follow the directions of onsite signage.
- **SH1 Putāruru:** Water cutting will take place at the Putāruru roundabout on Monday 22 April, from 6pm to 6am. SH1 will be closed to through traffic overnight with a detour in place via Marchant and Buckland Streets.
- **SH1 Ātiamuri:** Road widening is underway for safety barrier installation, from the Waikato River Bridge south to Thorpe Road. Work is behind temporary safety barriers in some places and there is a 50km/h speed restriction throughout.
- **SH1 Ātiamuri:** Work on the Tahunataara Bridge near Ātiamuri bridge will start on Monday 15 April and take 5 days. There will be shoulder closures on Monday and lane closures 24/7 from Wednesday for 3 days.
- **SH1 Maroa Road:** Finishing works on the 4.8km site where safety barriers were installed last year require a northbound daytime stop/go on Tuesday and Wednesday, 16-17 April, for seal repairs.

- **SH1 East Taupō Arterial:** Road widening continues ahead of flexible safety barrier installation, between SH5/Napier Road and the airport roundabout. One lane is open in each direction with speed restrictions in place. Completion is expected mid-2024. 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 are due to begin late April and will take 3-4 weeks to complete.

West Waikato

- **SH1 Waikato Expressway - Ngāruawāhia section:** Safety improvements and remedial works continue with traffic managed through the site with single lanes and 50km/h speed restriction. There are northbound closures and detours Sundays to Thursdays, 7pm-5am, finishing after Tuesday night, 16 April. More information.
- **SH1C Te Rapa Bypass:** Road resurfacing is underway on a 6km section, between Te Wetini Drive/Wairere Drive overbridge near Wintec through to the Horotiu interchange. Night works are underway and expected to be completed by Thursday 18 April. The road will be shut between 8pm and 6am when work is taking place, with the northbound lanes scheduled to be done first, followed by the southbound lanes. While the Te Rapa section is closed the detour between the Horotiu Interchange and SH1C Mangaharakeke Drive will be via Wairere Drive and Te Rapa Road.
- **SH1C Greenwood Street Hamilton:** Road resurfacing continues on SH1C Greenwood Street between Killarney Road and Bandon Street, from 7pm Sunday 14 April, for 1 night. During this time access to Greenwood Street via Killarney Road will be closed to through traffic. Access for eastbound traffic will be via Killarney Road, Columbo Street and Bandon Street and westbound via Smith Street and Bandon Street. Stop/go will be in place on SH1C Greenwood Street, this may cause minor delays.
- **SH1 Karāpiro (Hickey Road):** Construction of the fifth turnaround bay in the SH1 Cambridge to Piarere safety improvements project, just north of Hickey Road, is underway, following the relocation of telecommunication cables. Along with constructing the turnaround bay, there will be road widening at the weigh station on SH1, between Hickey and Hydro Roads, and installation of median and side safety barriers. Construction hours are 7am – 6pm Monday to Saturday, with no work on Sunday or public holidays, and temporary traffic management will be in place during construction. The impact on SH1 traffic is expected to be minor, although there are multiple worksites between Cambridge and Piarere, so some delays to journeys are expected. [More information](#)
- **SH1 Karāpiro (Tunakawa Road):** The installation of median barrier from south of Mobil Karāpiro to Fergusson Gully Road is expected to be completed this week, with the turnaround bays at Tunakawa and Gorton Roads now in place. Minor finishing works are scheduled in the area for the week of Monday 15 April, including signage and lighting. [More information.](#)
- **SH1 Karāpiro:** Work is underway on a section of SH1 between Keeley's Reserve and Moana Roa Road in preparation for median barrier being installed mid-2024. The current focus is on pavement construction, which will be followed by surfacing,

lighting, and barrier installation. The worksite is under a temporary speed limit of 50km/h and the crew is currently working directly behind the delineators, so it is essential for safety that motorists adhere to the temporary speed limit. The slow (left-hand) lane of the southbound passing lane between Keeley's Reserve and Moana Roa Road is closed for the majority of construction. Access in and out of Kentucky Road remains. Work is expected to be finished by late June.

- **SH1/SH29 Piarere intersection:** Roundabout construction continues with most work currently happening off the state highway. Road users can expect to see layout changes on SH1 and SH29 in stages. Traffic south of the roundabout will be moved onto a newly constructed section of road adjacent to SH1 from Monday 15 April. The changeover will occur between 8pm and 5am, Sunday 14 April (weather permitting) with temporary speed restrictions, stop/go and shoulder closures in place. Motorists are asked to drive with extra care through the site, while people adjust to the new road layout. A temporary speed limit of 60km/h will be in place on the bypass road to protect road workers and ensure the safety of everyone travelling through the area. Motorists should expect some delay to journeys and are asked to follow instructions of roadworkers and temporary traffic signage. [More information.](#)
- **SH30 Te Kūiti:** Repairs to a slip 7kms south of Te Kuiti will start on Monday 15 April and is expected to take 5 days to complete. Stop/stop will be in place for up to 30 minutes between 8am and 4pm each day, outside of this stop/go will be in place 24/7. Delays are to be expected.
- **SH3 Te Kūiti:** Drivers on SH3 are advised to expect delays, with work taking place to build a retaining wall and culvert on a stretch of highway between Te Kūiti and the SH3/SH4 junction. Stop/go traffic management will be in place at night, with lane shifts in place during the day. Traffic management will be in place until the end of May 2024.
- **SH30 Benneydale:** SH30 will be closed to heavy vehicles north of Maniaiti/Benneydale overnight on Saturday 20 April for rail crossing maintenance work. The highway will be closed to heavy vehicles at the rail crossing by Barker Road, approximately 6km from Benneydale, from 7pm to 7am. A temporary crossing will be put in place to allow light vehicles to use SH30 while the closure is in place. The recommended detour for heavy vehicles travelling between Te Kūiti and Whakamaru during the closure is to use SH4/SH41/SH32 via Taumarunui.

North Waikato

- **Pioneer Road (north):** The Pioneer Road northbound off-ramp is closed while slip repairs take place. Please continue on SH1 and exit at the Pōkeno northbound off-ramp, turn around at McDonald Road and head south using the Pōkeno southbound on-ramp onto SH1 to get off at Pioneer Road (south). Work will be ongoing until Friday 17 May.

Taranaki

- **SH3 Uruti:** Crews are nearing completion of works at SH3 Uruti, north of Mangamaio Road, which includes the installation of rock mesh protection to improve the safety and resilience of this slip-prone area of the network. The site is now

undergoing final testing and will remain under stop/go traffic controls until Friday 20 April with delays of approximately 10-15 minutes.

- **SH3 Awakino Gorge:** Multiple maintenance activities will take place from Monday 29 April until Friday 3 May. Road closures will take place between 10am and 2pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with stop/go traffic management in place between 6am and 6pm outside closure hours. Delays of 15-20 minutes are expected during periods where stop/go traffic management is in place.
- **SH3 Mt Messenger:** No further closures are required, however stop/go continues at night from 6pm to 6am until Friday 19 April, with delays expected of up to 30 minutes. Road users are encouraged to plan ahead.
- **SH3 Te Ara Tutohu Waitara to Bell Block:** Until mid-June, Princess Street will be closed between SH3 and Armstrong Avenue to everyone except residents while roadworks continue. People travelling to or from Waitara via Princess Street will need to use Nelson Street or Bayly Street. Those wanting to access Princess Street west from Princess Street east (Tikorangi side) will need to use Bayly Street. Both lanes of SH3 are open, and a temporary roundabout will be in place at the Princess Street and SH3 intersection, with the current traffic lights removed. The roundabout is expected to be complete by mid-2024. [More information](#).
- **SH4 Paroparowhero Culvert Replacement:** Work to repair damage from heavy rainfall on SH4 north of Taumarunui, between the intersection of SH43 and Okahukura Bridge Road will continue until June 2024. The repair work involves a temporary road to maintain traffic flow under 24/7 e-light stop/go controls, while crews install a 3.5 x 4 metre box culvert. Please drive carefully and follow all temporary speed restrictions in place. Oversize loads are asked to take alternative routes where possible. Road users are asked to plan ahead for delays of up to 15 minutes in this area.
- **SH4 Hakiha Street:** Road resurfacing in Taumarunui continues from Sunday 14 April, taking approximately three weeks to complete. During this time crews will work 24/7, with a single lane closure in place between River Road and Turaki Street. Southbound traffic will continue to use SH4, and northbound traffic will be detoured via Turaki Street, Miriama Street and River Road.

For up to 48 hours following completion of chipseal sites, a 50km/h temporary speed limit will be in place until the road is swept and line marking reinstated.

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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