

1 Project update

December 2015

The final word from the project team

The Cambridge section of the Waikato Expressway will open to traffic before Christmas.

It's amazing to think a project which has been more than two decades in the making is now almost complete. The Cambridge section was first discussed in the 1960s, and originally designated in 1973, but it wasn't until the start of the most recent investigation phase (commencing in 2006) that the project really started taking shape.

In 2011 the final designation and resource consents were secured and in early 2013 the contract to build the project was awarded to HEB Construction.

In Waipa the project has been highly anticipated. There were many in the community who turned up to our first open day at the Visitor Centre in November 2013, amazed this road would be built in their lifetime.

The Cambridge section will reduce the traffic congestion and intersection delays in the town. It will improve safety in Cambridge by significantly reducing through traffic and it will reduce the journey time between Cambridge and Hamilton by approximately five minutes and up to 10 minutes at peak times. It will also make the journey safer on a high quality road, constructed using the principles of the Safe System.

We are proud to have been part of the Cambridge community for the past two-and-a-half years and we'd like to thank you for your patience while we have worked as quickly as we can to get it finished.

It's especially great to see this project opened to traffic before Christmas so both the Cambridge community and all road users travelling through the Waikato can benefit as they head away on their holidays.

Since we started construction in 2013, more than 4500 people have been through the Visitor Centre on Victoria Road. The project has not been without its challenges. We have managed up to 18,000 vehicles per day through our working sites on State Highway 1 at Tamahere and State Highway 1B while we have built the Victoria Road interchange. We have completed 1.25 million cubic metres of earthworks and we have constructed 500,000 square metres of road.



Raj Rajagopal NZ Transport Agency Project Manager and Gary Budden HEB Construction Project Manager

The NZ Transport Agency is proud this road will be delivered six months ahead of schedule but we certainly could not have done it without our contractors HEB Construction and the support of the community. Please come and celebrate with us at our Community Day on December 15.

Community Day
**Tuesday
15 December**

Starts 3pm
Last entry 7pm
Closes 8pm

Explore the Cambridge Section of the Waikato Expressway

The event will be based at the Victoria Road Interchange, the gateway to Cambridge

- Explore by foot, bike or bus.
- Free buses will be running in a circuit from Victoria Road along the Expressway with stops at the Northern and Southern Interchanges and the Karapiro Gully Viaduct.
- Helicopter rides will be available over the Expressway, a five minute flight will cost \$40 per person (4 people required).
- The road is scheduled to **open to traffic by Christmas**.

Tell us what you think and go in the draw to **WIN** a free helicopter ride over the expressway on the day
go to www.nzta.govt.nz/cambridge to enter.

Plenty of free parking is available beside the Victoria Road interchange.

For more information about the Community Day go to www.nzta.govt.nz/cambridge

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Cambridge Section

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Pickering Road bridge



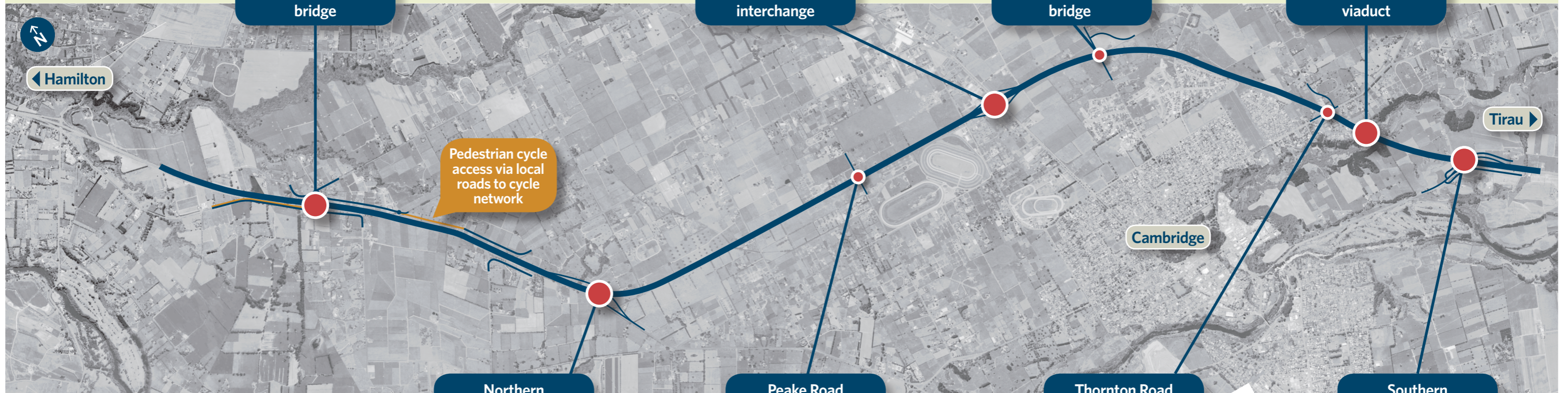
Victoria interchange



Swayne Road bridge



Karapiro Gully viaduct



Pedestrian cycle access via local roads to cycle network



Northern interchange



Peake Road bridge



Thornton Road bridge



Southern interchange

Cambridge section bridges and interchanges

What you need to know

Access on and off the Cambridge section



Cambridge's first traffic signals

The Victoria Road interchange will introduce the first traffic signals into Cambridge. There will be two signalised intersections, one on either side of the bridge on Victoria Road. They are there to control traffic coming off and onto the expressway while allowing vehicles on Victoria Road to continue to and from the Cambridge town centre.



Final road surface

While the road will open to traffic before Christmas we have to wait approximately 12 months to lay the final surface. At this time the contractor will return to lay Open Graded Porous Asphalt (OGPA) which acts as a quieter road surface and improves surface drainage, splash and spray behind vehicles.

Traffic management will be needed to do this work and some delays and lane closures will be required. These will be advertised well in advance.



Top: Victoria Road interchange traffic signals. Bottom: Southern interchange bridge having the OGPA laid.

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