

Planning for the opening of the project

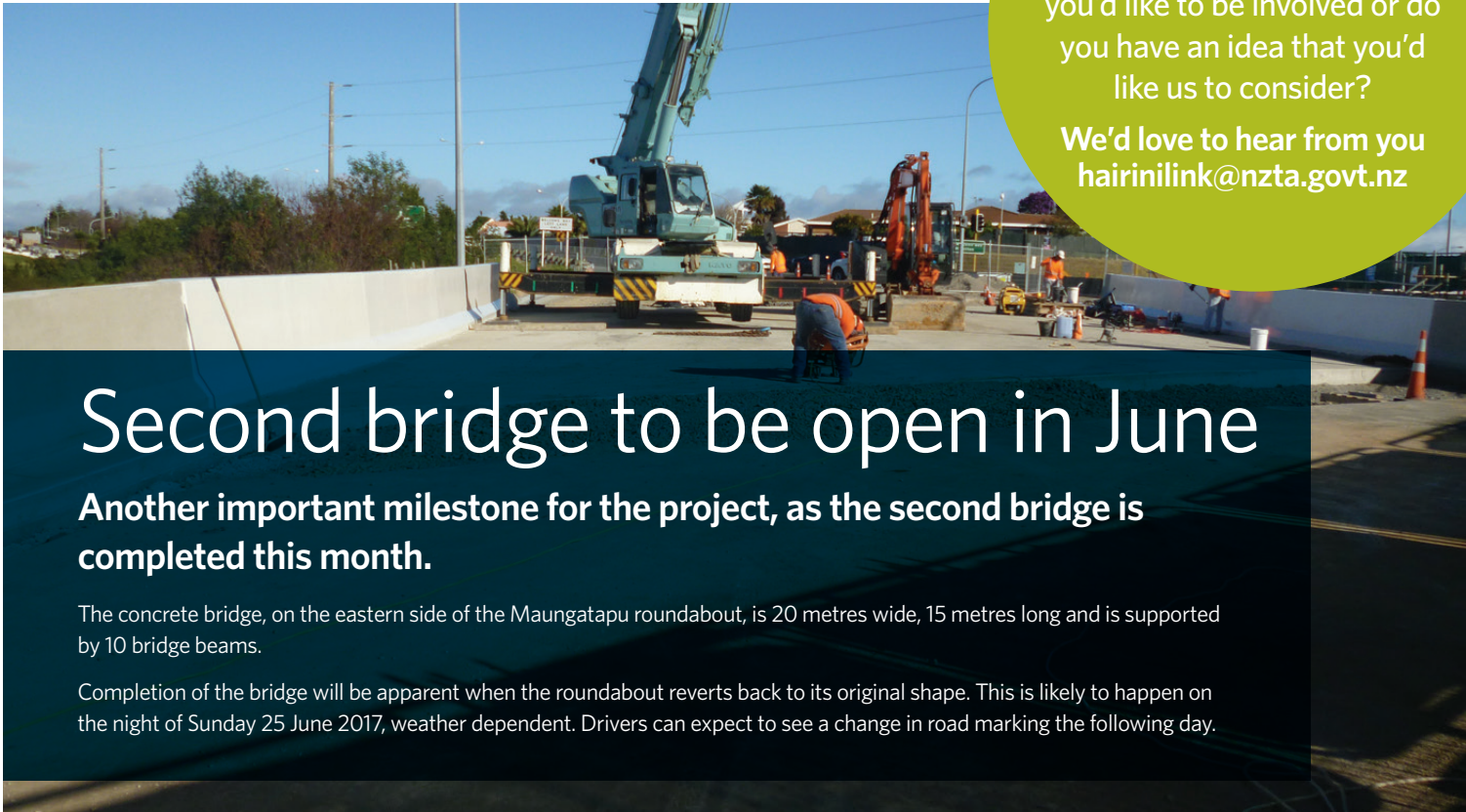
The Maungatapu underpass is in its final winter of construction and the project is still on track for opening by April 2018.

The team are starting to plan for the official opening and are keen to hear from the community on what they would like to see at the opening of the underpass. We can't commit to doing everything but we're interested in hearing all thoughts and ideas.

OPENING THE UNDERPASS

Do you have a community group that you'd like to be involved or do you have an idea that you'd like us to consider?

We'd love to hear from you
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Second bridge to be open in June

Another important milestone for the project, as the second bridge is completed this month.

The concrete bridge, on the eastern side of the Maungatapu roundabout, is 20 metres wide, 15 metres long and is supported by 10 bridge beams.

Completion of the bridge will be apparent when the roundabout reverts back to its original shape. This is likely to happen on the night of Sunday 25 June 2017, weather dependent. Drivers can expect to see a change in road marking the following day.

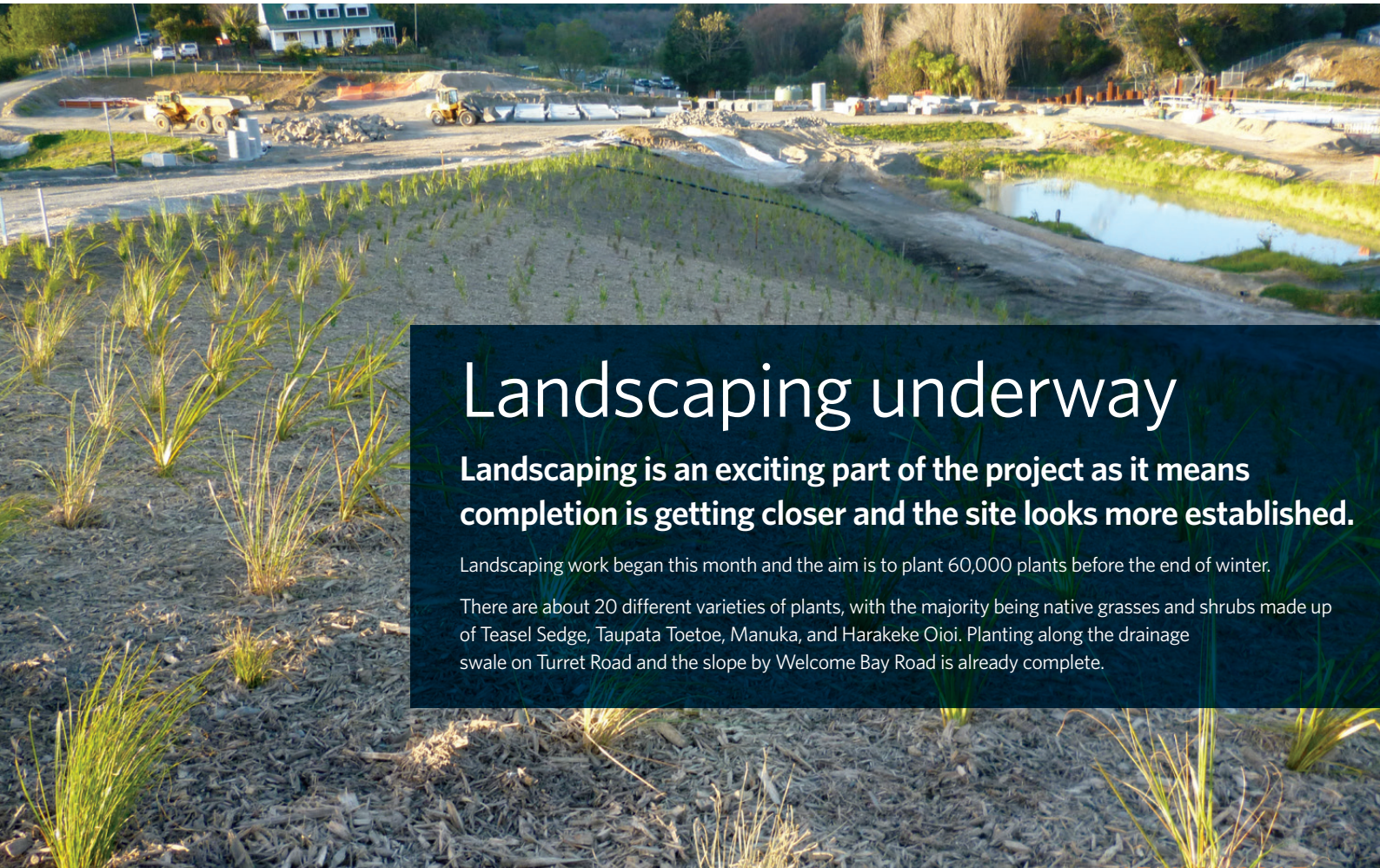
Completion of the Kaitemako Culvert

The work on the culvert for the Kaitemako Stream has been a major part of the project to date.

The final pour of concrete for the roof of the culvert is finished and the focus has moved to rock protection work up and down stream of the culvert. The stream will be re-routed through the culvert mid-July.

The culvert has environmental benefits to the surrounding area. The concrete bottom has been roughened with cobbles and small stones, and this, along with the rock protection, helps to enhance fish passage through the culvert. It is also designed to withstand 100-year flood events and provide a access to Welcome Bay in the event of a major earthquake, improving the resilience for the area.





Landscaping underway

Landscaping is an exciting part of the project as it means completion is getting closer and the site looks more established.

Landscaping work began this month and the aim is to plant 60,000 plants before the end of winter.

There are about 20 different varieties of plants, with the majority being native grasses and shrubs made up of Teasel Sedge, Taupata Toetoe, Manuka, and Harakeke Oioi. Planting along the drainage swale on Turret Road and the slope by Welcome Bay Road is already complete.

Presentation of the mural to Maungatapu School




The mural commissioned by the project at the open day in November 2016 was gifted to Maungatapu School in March 2017.

The to-do list over the next three months

- Demolish old Scout Hall
- Remove sheet piles, backfill and preload temporary stream diversion
- Excavate under second bridge
- Drill remaining piles within Maungatapu roundabout
- Install wall panels in the underpass
- Continue drainage work
- Commence kerb and channel and pavement construction

Keeping you informed

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