



Pakipaki to Waipukurau



Road widening prior to installing barriers between Waipukurau and Waipawa.

Thank you for your ongoing patience with construction affecting your daily commute between Waipukurau to Waipawa, or further through to Pakipaki and Hastings.

The original programme of works will be complete by the end of April in most places. Recently we have received additional funding for further safety improvements. These include a significant realignment project between College Road and Silverstream, and further widening south of Argyle Road near Otane. These improvements, plus the cycleway, will all be starting in 2020.

We understand there are some concerns about what Tapairu Road will look like and the new layout. We are developing an artist's impression and will share this with you on our Central North Island Facebook page and website.

What are the safety improvements and why are they important?

From 2006 to 2015, 13 people died and 62 people were seriously injured on this stretch of road. Most serious crashes involved people losing control of their vehicle, running off the road and crashing into roadside objects such as a tree, fence or ditch, or hitting another vehicle head-on.

We want to prevent more crashes like these. We worked with your community representatives, local councils and transport groups to understand the problems with the road.

Since 2018 we have been working on:

- » installing roadside safety barriers to prevent drivers running off the road
- » installing median barriers along the busier section of SH2 between Waipawa and Waipukurau, to prevent head-on crashes
- » building resilience in this section of state highway, for example, building retaining walls where there are significant drops and risk of erosion.

These safety improvements aim to reduce deaths and serious injuries along the route between Pakipaki and Waipukurau by 20-45% within 10 years.

STATE HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS 2020

PROGRESS ON INITIAL PACKAGE OF WORK

ADDITIONAL WORK FOR 2020/21

Pakipaki to Poukawa – complete, except for barriers. These will be finished in March. This section includes nearly 8km of shoulder widening and 3km of barriers.

Poukawa to Te Hauke – complete, including 1.5km of shoulder widening.

Te Hauke to Te Aute – 5km of shoulder widening and nearly 2km of barriers complete.

Te Aute to Waipawa – a complex area of improvements, including three new passing opportunities, just over 8km of shoulder widening and three retaining walls.

Waipawa to Waipukurau – 7km of intensive improvements under construction. This includes shoulder widening through the length between towns, side barriers and two significant retaining walls, one of which goes 3m into the ground. There are two sections of widening and retaining walls to be completed by end of April.



Te Hauke

Additional shoulder widening and flush median. Starting Sept 2020. Additional shoulder widening on the corner of Waikareao Road.

Te Aute to Pukehou – NZ Upgrade Programme \$13m investment. College Road to Silverstream realignment. Starting Sept 2020, complete Dec 2021.

Waipawa to Waipukurau

Cycleway starting July/August 2020, complete March 2021.

All completed works will undergo a second coat seal between September and March 2021. The initial seal has to settle over time and with traffic going over it. The second coat further strengthens the road over the long term.



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