



Haere mai, Welcome

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Thank you for visiting us today! We are delighted to update you on progress for the SH2 Waihī to Ōmokoroa Project and the wider corridor to Tauranga.

Here you will find information on what it takes to produce a successful large project, including survey, geotechnical, construction, utilities, barriers and more.

You will see how the Waihī to Ōmokoroa Project, the Takitimu North Link, Safe Network Programme and our partners are working together to make a safer journey for all.

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Who is involved?

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Delivering a safe and effective transport network



Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency

A great journey is easy, safe and connected. Waka Kotahi is focused on providing one integrated land transport system that helps people get the most out of life and supports business.

We look after the national transport system with our partners, today and for the future. We're innovating to make sure the system is efficient and sustainable, unlocking opportunity and keeping New Zealand moving.

We're working to deliver our customer promise - great journeys to keep New Zealand moving.



Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Supporting road safety and promoting network capacity improvements within the Western Bay.



Beca

Providing advisory services, project management and delivery.



HEB Construction

Building infrastructure and facilities to help improve daily life and mobility for all.



WestLink Bay of Plenty

Maintaining our roads through the Bay of Plenty joint Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency / Western Bay of Plenty District Council One Network Maintenance Contract.

STAKEHOLDERS

Key to the success of the project, these stakeholders have operational knowledge of the route and have been key to informing the design:

- Bay of Plenty Regional Council
- Western Bay of Plenty District Council
- Tangata whenua
- NZ Police
- St John
- NZ Fire Service
- Kiwifruit and Avocado Association
- Federated Farmers
- Road Transport Forum
- Road Transport Association
- NZ Heavy Haulage
- Automobile Association
- Log Transport Safety Council



Road to Zero

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Improving safety on New Zealand roads is a priority for Waka Kotahi. We're working with NZ Police, Ministry of Transport, local government, WorkSafe and others to deliver the government's *Road to Zero: New Zealand's road safety strategy 2020-2030*.

Road to Zero sets a target to reduce deaths and serious injuries on New Zealand's roads, cycleways and footpaths by 40 per cent over the next 10 years.

There are five key focus areas:

1. Infrastructure improvements and speed management
2. Vehicle safety
3. Work-related road safety
4. Road user choices
5. System management

Between 2009 and 2018, 25 people lost their lives and 66 were seriously injured along this stretch of rural highway. Most of these crashes were caused by people running off the road and hitting trees, poles or deep ditches, head-on collisions and crashes at intersections.

The Waihi to Ōmokoroa Project safety improvements also aims to:

- reduce deaths and serious injuries by 50 percent
- increase capacity between Ōmokoroa and Tauranga to meet future growth demands
- provide consistent and reliable travel times between Ōmokoroa and Tauranga, particularly during peak periods.





Waihī to Ōmokoroa project overview

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In 2017 State Highway 2 between Waihī to Ōmokoroa was identified as one of the roads in the state highway network which could be made safer.

What we are doing

People will always make mistakes, but there are changes we can make to the road so simple mistakes don't cost lives. These include:

- widening the road
- putting in a wide centreline to help separate oncoming traffic
- widening the road shoulders to give drivers more room
- putting in roadside safety barriers where there are power poles, trees and deep ditches
- making intersections safer.

Construction

We've split the project into 10 sections to help limit the number of roadworks that people encounter along the highway. Each section will take between 12-18 months to complete, with the project expected to be finished in 2024.

The 10 sections are:

1. Heath Road to Trig Road - **COMPLETED**
2. Trig Road to Mathers Road - **COMPLETED**
3. Mathers Road to Athenree Gorge - **COMPLETED**
4. Athenree Road to Tanners Point Road - **START EARLY 2021**
5. Tanners Point Road to Kauri Point Road - **START EARLY 2022**
6. Kauri Point Road to Lindemann Road - **IN CONSTRUCTION**
7. Wharawhara Road to Sharp Road - **COMPLETED***
*Future intersection upgrade planned
8. Sharp Road to Sargent Drive - **IN CONSTRUCTION**
10. Wainui South Road to Esdaile Road - **MID 2020 TO EARLY 2022**
11. Esdaile Road to Ōmokoroa Road - **LATE 2022 TO LATE 2023**





The SH2 Corridor between Waihi and Tauranga

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Waihi to Ōmokoroa Project

This project started construction in 2018. By the time of completion in 2024, around 40km of state highway will be made safer. The safety improvements include flexible road safety barriers, shoulder widening and wide centrelines and are being constructed in 10 sections to minimise impact on road users. At the start of 2021, four sections have been completed.



Takitimu North Link

\$933 million funding has been provided for Takitimu North Link, the Bay of Plenty's most significant roading project to date.

The new 14km four-lane expressway connecting Tauranga and Ōmokoroa is a key strategic transport corridor for the region, and will provide greater travel choice, with a shared path for walking and cycling.



The project is part of the Government's NZ Upgrade Programme, which is a \$6.8 billion investment to get our cities moving, to save lives and boost productivity in growth areas.

Safe Network Programme – Speed

Speed limit changes were implemented on 11 December 2020 along SH2 between Katikati and Bethlehem. This followed feedback received in 2019 during our formal consultation process for the speed review and provided us valuable information to ensure speeds are safe and appropriate for the state highway and everyone who uses it. Together, with the information gathered through consultation and our technical review process, lower speed limit changes were implemented.

