

Welcome to the first edition of the SH4 Bulletin. This publication will be available monthly at selected sites in Raetihi, Ohakune, National Park and Whanganui. We encourage you to read about the progress on SH4 and share it with your whanau. If you have questions about anything you see in the SH4 Bulletin there are a range of places to find out more below.

**SIGN UP** to receive monthly updates online  
[nzta.govt.nz/sh4-repairs](https://nzta.govt.nz/sh4-repairs)

## TEMPORARY ACCESS WORK UNDERWAY

Progress on restoring limited access for communities and businesses affected by the large under-slip on SH4 has taken a very positive step forward. Work has commenced on-site and the initial phases of this work, principally 'de-watering' and revegetation.

While the site is still vulnerable to further slippage, especially after heavy rains, the recent geotechnical assessments have given Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency confidence that this temporary option is suitable for construction to get underway. However, this strategy isn't without risk and should the site become unstable or unsafe at any stage the operations team will close this immediately and at short notice. Therefore, locals and travellers through the region should check on the open status of the road before every journey. Signage will be present at Raetihi and Whanganui, but it is also recommended to check social media, email traffic bulletins or by calling the freecall number **0800 4 HIGHWAYS** (0800 44 44 49) if you have important travel using this highway. For more details on how to stay up to date head to the back for this bulletin.





## SH4 WORKERS ENJOY LOCAL HOSPITALITY

Workers involved in restoring temporary access across the slip have set up camp in Raetihi during November. These workers will be stationed in Raetihi and Ohakune for several months and have already commented to team leaders on the friendliness and hospitality they've received. We hope you'll continue to support their important work in getting traffic moving along SH4 again.



## OPTIONS ARE CONSIDERED

A range of options are being considered to permanently reinstate SH4. Early investigations for a route through the surrounding farmland – both east and west of the river – are looking promising. We hope to be able to announce the 'preferred option' in the coming months.



## SH4: THE ROAD AHEAD

Each month we'll give you a brief overview of the works planned in the next few months in our 'road ahead' section.

- Matahiwi: Larger equipment is now able to access the stabilised site. The main cut of the access road is made along with any fill of surrounding areas to stabilise the edges of the road.
- Otoko Pa: The traffic diversions required to repair the slip site safely remain in place. Major repairs are conducted including removal of a large amount of vulnerable soil.

## WHERE CAN WE GET COPIES OF SH4 BULLETIN?

Caltex - Raetihi  
Four Square Raetihi  
Raetihi Info centre  
Whanganui District Council  
BP 2go  
Z - Dublin St - Service Station  
Ruapehu District Council  
PlaceMakers Ohakune  
New World Ohakune  
BP  
GAS National Park  
Ohakune i-SITE visitor Info centre  
Raetihi DC  
Waiouru i-SITE visitor Info centre



For more information and updates, please visit [nzta.govt.nz/sh4-repairs](https://nzta.govt.nz/sh4-repairs)

Traffic updates: [nzta.govt.nz/traffic](https://nzta.govt.nz/traffic)

Facebook: [facebook.com/nztacni](https://facebook.com/nztacni)

Twitter: [twitter.com/nztacni](https://twitter.com/nztacni)

Journey planner: [journeys.nzta.govt.nz](https://journeys.nzta.govt.nz)

Phone: **0800 4 HIGHWAYS** (0800 44 44 49)

If you have a smartphone, open the camera app and hover over the code to the right then click the link once prompted on your phone.

