

2 Takitimu North Link

Takitimu North Link is a vital transport link providing a more efficient, reliable, and safer connection between Tauranga and Ōmokoroa.

This major infrastructure project is a Road of National Significance (RONS) and contributes to building a transport network that enables people and freight to move around efficiently, quickly, and safely.

Modelling for 2031 estimates that around 34,000 vehicles could travel between Ōmokoroa and Tauranga each day, on both Takitimu North Link and the existing State Highway 2 (SH2). Takitimu North Link is expected to move regional traffic and freight away from SH2, because of the significant benefits for productivity and efficiency. It will:

- » support economic growth
- » improve resilience
- » reduced travel time
- » improve reliability
- » improve safety
- » support greater travel options.

Stage 1: Tauranga to Te Puna is a Crown funded new 6.8km 4-lane expressway, currently in construction and due for completion in 2028. Work includes 3 million cubic metres of earthworks, construction of 10 bridges, 19 culverts, 8 stream diversions and 7 wetlands. You can subscribe to the newsletter at nzta.govt.nz/takitimunorth

Stage 2: Te Puna to Ōmokoroa extends the road a further 8km. It will include 14 bridges and culverts, a grade separated interchange at SH2 / Ōmokoroa Road, 4 million cubic metres of earthworks, and 33 hectares of ecological restoration. The existing SH2 would be retained as a local road.

In early 2024 Stage 2 was identified as one of 17 RONS projects. Since then, we have completed a review of the project to align with the Government Policy Statement on land transport 2024 (GPS 2024). NZTA is now progressing to lodge notice of requirement and consent applications – giving partners, landowners, and the community certainty of the route. In addition, the process to acquire land for the project has begun. More information on the phasing of the project will be available early 2025.

Next steps

✓ July / August 2023

Public engagement on draft plans – opportunity to give feedback

✓ March 2024

Project identified as a Road of National Significance

✓ Mid 2024

Review of the project to align with the Government Policy Statement on land transport 2024 (GPS 2024)

✓ September / October 2024

Public consultation on tolling proposal (to fund the Stage 1 maintenance costs and to support the construction of Stage 2)

Late 2024

Active property acquisition begins

Early 2025

Designation and resource consents lodged

2025 /26

Detailed design, consenting and property acquisition continues

2027

NZTA is working towards being construction ready by end of 2027.

** The timeframes outlined are subject to completion of designation, consenting, property negotiations, and funding.*



Takitimu North Link Stage 2

Te Puna to Ōmokoroa

