

Progress to date

Noise bund and cycle path take shape

Between Pah Road and the new Kaituna River bridge, a noise bund and cycle path is under construction. The cycle path extends from the western side of the Kaituna River through to Te Tumu Road, linking the future Papamoa Interchange with the future Rangiuru business park. When completed it will be three metres wide and chip sealed.

The Kaituna River wetland noise bund is 1700 metres long and three metres in height above the road with the cycle path at it's base. Once the topsoil and mulch has been placed, the landscaping crews will plant a variety of plants which will include Kahikatea, Kowhai and Manuka.



Above: Topsoil being placed on the noise bund next to the cycle path

Planting to enhance the landscape

Earthwork and landscaping crews have been busy preparing areas throughout the TEL spreading topsoil and placing mulch for the upcoming planting season.

Over 300,000 predominately native plants will be planted in areas such as the Paengaroa roundabout, Te Maunga, the Mangatawa and Domain Road Interchanges as well as the other three bridge sites and various noise bunds.

Vegetation surrounding the Oxbow on Bell Road has recently been cleared to allow restorative planting of native grasses, Cabbage trees, flax and Manuka.

It is expected that approximately 85% of the planting programme will be completed between April and September this year, with the balance planted next year.

Above right: Mulch being placed

Below right: The Oxbow cleared for planting

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Above: Domain Road interchange works

Domain Road Interchange bridges

The final six piles for Bridge A have been driven into the ground and once testing is carried out, the piling operation for the Domain Road Interchange will be complete. The piles will then be filled with re-enforced steel and concrete to allow the concrete piers to be constructed.

The second of three lightweight fill embankments is well underway, and at 150 metres in length is the longest. The construction of the third embankment will commence later this year.

Over 10,500 lightweight fill blocks (40,000m³) will be used to construct the three embankments.



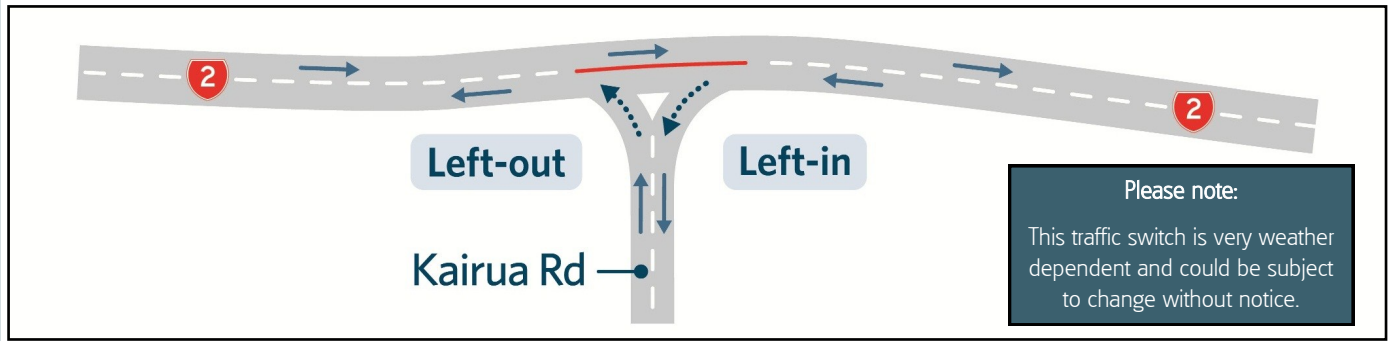
Upcoming traffic change

State Highway 2 between Te Maunga and Domain Road—April 2014

All west and east bound traffic will be moved on to the new TEL east bound lanes in April. At times a temporary speed restriction of 50km/h will be in place. Motorists are advised to take extra care in this area during this time.

Kairua Road— Thursday 10th April 2014

As part of this traffic switch, Kairua Road will be permanently changed to 'left-in' and 'left-out' only. This means you'll no longer be able to turn right out of - or into - Kairua Road.



Forward programme for April

Some key activities will include:

- ◆ Construction of the toll gantry foundations
- ◆ Parton Road bridge construction gets underway with the piling operation and removal of the surcharge material on the embankments
- ◆ Installation of road signs and headlight screens at the Paengaroa roundabout
- ◆ Commencement of landscaping throughout site
- ◆ Removal of surcharge material on the Kaituna River bridge east embankment



Above: Tara Road / Domain Road roundabout completed



Above: Mangatawa drain strengthening work

- ◆ Construction of the Domain Road north bound lanes
- ◆ Installation of the Rangiuuru culverts
- ◆ Domain Road Interchange bridge A central span beam placement commences
- ◆ Completion of the pavement construction for the new east bound lanes between Te Maunga and Domain Road
- ◆ Continuing installation of ducting for both Powerco and integrated traffic services continues throughout site



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