

### Progress to date

#### Zone A stage one completed

Following delays due to inclement weather, traffic was switched on to the new TEL east bound lanes between Mangatawa and Domain Road, on Tuesday 29th April. The programme had this stage of works completed just prior to Easter, but the much needed rain for farmers arrived and meant crucial finishing work was unable to be completed in time to allow the switch to occur as planned.

Stage one works included the construction of new on and off ramps for Bruce Road, installation of new street lights, a new storm water drainage system and the installation of a central protection barrier.

Stage two works can now commence with the removal of the old State Highway 2 to allow the placement of structural fill and surcharge material for the west bound lanes, construction of the new Kairua Road on and off ramps, road side swales and a storm water retention pond.

*Right: Traffic on the new TEL east bound lanes and the temporary Kairua Road off ramp*



#### Largest bank of culverts near completion

At 34.3 metres long and a total of 24.9 metres wide, the Rangiuru culverts are the largest bank of culverts to be constructed on the TEL.



*Above: The culverts at the halfway stage*

Each box section of the five culverts are 4.9 metres wide by 1.2 metres high and are being installed in readiness for a future business park.

#### Parton Road bridge works commence

After six months, the required settlement has been reached allowing the surcharge material to be removed on the Parton Road bridge embankments.

The structures crew can now set up their operation to drive 12 piles up to a depth of 44 metres. Once completed this will be followed by the construction of the piers and super-structure.

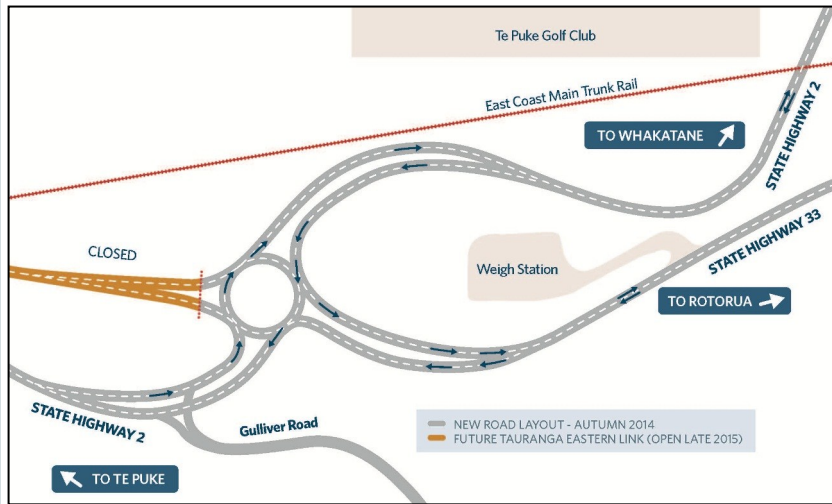


**Upcoming traffic management**

**Whakatane / Rotorua State Highway 2 / State Highway 33 intersection—May 2014**

The new Paengaroa roundabout is soon to be completed with the final construction of the Te Puke, Whakatane and Rotorua legs. Upcoming work programme details are:

- Te Puke leg:** Night works commencing Sunday 4th May through to Thursday 8th May
- Whakatane leg:** Night works commencing Sunday 18th May through to Thursday 22nd May
- Rotorua leg:** Day works commencing Monday 19th May through to July



**Traffic switch**

Traffic is expected to be switched on to the new roundabout from early morning on Monday 19th May.

**Gulliver Road**

A new intersection will be constructed on the SH2 Te Puke leg giving access in to and out of Gulliver Road in both directions.

Please note: this work is very weather dependent and dates are subject to change.

**Additional traffic management for May**

**State Highway 2 / Domain Road Interchange**

Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th May—night-time traffic diversion

To allow concrete bridge beams to be lifted into place over SH2, the following night-time traffic diversion will be in place:

- ◆ SH2 Te Puke bound traffic will be diverted at the Domain Road/SH 2 intersection via Tara Road, Parton Road and Bell Road to re-join SH2.
- ◆ Papamoa bound traffic travelling from Te Puke or Welcome Bay Road will have a small diversion at the Domain Road/SH2 intersection via the west bound slip lane to a temporary intersection to re-join Domain Road.

*Above: First beam lift in early April*



**Forward programme for May**

**Some key activities will include:**

- ◆ Mangatawa drain strengthening works continue



*Above: Mangatawa drain gabion basket drain strengthening*

- ◆ Parton Road bridge piling operation commences and earthworks surcharge removal continues
- ◆ Landscaping continues throughout site
- ◆ Removal of the old SH2 and placement of surcharge material commences between Mangatawa and Domain Road
- ◆ Removal of surcharge material at the Kaituna River bridge eastern embankment continues



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