



**Progress to date**



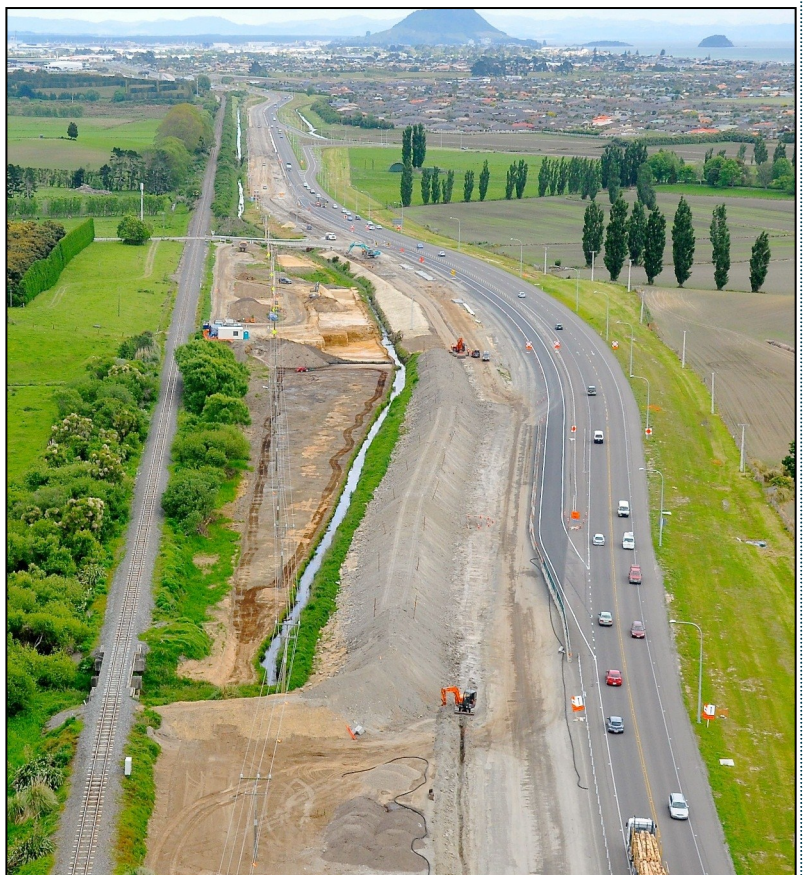
*Above: Eastbound on the TEL, Bell Road and Kaituna River bridge in the foreground, through to the Maketu Road bridge in the distance*

**State Highway 2 westbound**

Motorists may have noticed a lot of activity recently on SH2 recently, especially between Domain Road and Kairua Road, as three earthworks operations are being undertaken in this area.

On the left-hand side of the Mangatawa drain a large storm water retention bay is being constructed (see image right). This pond will act as a storage area during rain events. The large mound to the right of the Mangatawa drain is structural fill with surcharge material on top, for a future flood spillway. Once the ground beneath has settled the surcharge material will be removed and the spillway bund constructed. The third earthworks operation underway is the removal of the old SH2 pavement to allow construction of the new off and on ramps for Kairua Road.

Opposite Bruce Road, an area that was surcharged has now reached its required settlement and the surcharge material is being removed. Construction of another flood spillway will commence in this area in the new year.





**Traffic management for Dec and Jan**



**Forward programme for Dec and Jan**



**Traffic changes ahead**

Over the coming months there will be a number of construction activities that will cause some disruption to the travelling public and we ask for patience during these times.



Some upcoming road layout changes will be temporary and others permanent. If you wish to receive weekly traffic impact reports please sign up on [www.nzta.govt.nz/tel-mailing-list](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/tel-mailing-list)



**State Highway 2 at the future Mangatawa interchange—night works**

To allow the placement of the TEL underpass bridge beams, all traffic will be diverted over the new northern Mangatawa interchange on and off ramps with a manual stop/go and a 30km/h temporary speed restriction in place. Full details to be advised.



**Further traffic management**



**State Highway 2 between Te Maunga and Domain Road**

- ◆ 80km/h temporary speed restriction

**Tara Road, Domain Road, Parton Road and Bell Road**

- ◆ 50km/h temporary speed restriction



**Some key activities will include:**

**Mangatawa interchange**

- ◆ Placement of bridge beams for the TEL underpass (over State highway 2), and the Truman Lane and rail bridge
- ◆ Completion of the wall panel installation
- ◆ Commencement of the bridge deck construction
- ◆ Pavement construction

**Zone A stage 2—west bound lanes**

- ◆ Pavement construction continues
- ◆ Installation of wire rope and roadside protection barriers
- ◆ Construction of the Kairua Road on and off ramps

**Domain Road interchange**

- ◆ Installation of street lighting
- ◆ Construction of the new roundabout continues
- ◆ Installation of the lightweight fill for the final bridge embankment will be completed
- ◆ De-construction of the fire damaged section

**Parton Road bridge**

- ◆ Placement of concrete protection barriers
- ◆ Pavement construction commences

**Other works on the project will include:**

- ◆ Completion of Bridge 77 and Mangatawa drain strengthening works
- ◆ Toll gantry construction
- ◆ Cycleway construction

**Domain Road interchange fire**

As many of you will be aware, early evening on Thursday 20th November the Tauranga Eastern Link project suffered what the Police believe to be an arson attack at the Domain Road interchange Bridge B site. The damage caused by the fire is as yet unknown and is currently being assessed by our design engineers. A plan will be devised to deconstruct the damaged area and only once this is complete will we fully understand the extent of damage, and therefore what work will be required to re-construct the damaged area and what effect this will have on the completion of the project.

In the meantime it is business as usual on the TEL with construction work continuing throughout the balance of project.



The TEL construction site and information centre will close on Friday 19th December, with staff returning on Monday 5 January 2015. If you have any queries during the Christmas break, please call 0800 835 463 or 07 542 9900 and a staff member will assist you.

The Tauranga Eastern Link team would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.



**Visit us at the TEL Visitor Information Centre**  
65 Tara Road, Papamoa. Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.30pm.



**Visit our website**  
[www.nzta.govt.nz/tel](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/tel) for more construction images and videos.



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