

Busy roadworks season underway

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Summer 2024/2025

Expect delays
Allow extra time for your trip around Tairāwhiti.

Over the next few months you'll notice a lot of hardworking crews out repairing and renewing state highways across Tairāwhiti.

Kia ora Tairāwhiti Roadworks ahead!



State highways across Tairāwhiti will be busy over the coming months as summer renewals ramp up and cyclone repair work continues.

Transport Rebuild East Coast (TREC) crews, on behalf of NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA), are out repairing damaged sections of road, stabilising areas to prevent slips, maintaining bridges, and gearing up for major work like replacing Hikuwai Bridge No. 1.

At times State Highway 35 (SH35) and State Highway 2 (SH2) will be down to one lane where we're working to help keep our crew and road users safe. There'll also be short road closures sometimes so we can repair bridges and other sites - we'll let you know before that happens.

We've been preparing for this. Work's being scheduled to cause as little impact as possible on road users. We'll keep checking our sites to see if we can make changes to help the traffic flow better. But with so much planned you'll need to allow extra time to get around.

Tairāwhiti highway renewals

NZTA crews are replacing large sections of the highway network to promote safe, secure, and reliable access for communities. This involves removing the existing road surface and underlying structure and replacing it with new materials.

35 Major road replacements are underway on SH35. Resealing is also planned, with the majority of sites between Te Puia Springs and Gisborne.

2 There will be major road replacements on SH2, both north and south of Gisborne.

Other work includes drainage improvements, bridge work, repairing and replacing road signs and road marking.

Did you know that most roadwork happens in the warmer months? The daylight hours are longer, and the warm temperatures and dry air help new seal stick to the road surface. Warm weather helps ensure the new seal becomes strong and long-lasting.



Locals first

Tairāwhiti businesses play a massive part in road repairs. So far, around 80% of post-cyclone recovery work has been delivered by locals.



Healthy rivers and streams

We protect waterways while we work. We move native fish safely away from our sites, set up barriers to stop construction material getting into the water and inspect sites to ensure our works don't affect water quality.



Thanks for your support

We know roadworks can be disruptive but it will be worth it. This work will lead to more efficient travel and safer, more resilient roads.

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TREC, NZTA and local contractors are out in force, carrying out summer road renewal work, safety improvements and cyclone repairs.

Work has been scheduled to minimise delays but with so much planned it will take longer to travel around Tairāwhiti.

Expect delays and check out the NZTA Journey Planner to find out how long it will take you to get where you're going: journeys.nzta.govt.nz

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Map key

- TREC cyclone recovery work sites planned or underway*
- NZTA road replacements

*The TREC work programme is subject to change. Stay up to date at nzta.govt.nz/trec

35 All go on State Highway 35 (SH35)

The majority of TREC recovery work is on SH35. We're protecting roads from slips and rockfalls and fixing culverts that move water away from roads and bridges, preventing erosion and surface flooding. We'll also repair several underslips. Areas of activity include Mangahauini Gorge, Whakaari Bluff and Kopuaroa Hill.

2 State Highway 2 (SH2)

Most of the TREC recovery projects are designed to strengthen and stabilise the areas around the state highway and help guide water away from the road. This will help prevent slips and road closures.

2 Renewing state highways

NZTA crews will be working at locations right across the state highway network. This season, more than 100 lane kilometres will be worked on. NZTA plans to renew vulnerable sections of the region's highways over the next few years.



Mangahauini Gorge

Work in the Gorge is ongoing. We've had the green light to design additional improvements. We're working with Iwi, hapū and others on solutions. Subject to approvals and design, we'll start the additional work by early 2026.

Otoko Hill area

Work to improve drainage and stabilise the hillsides is underway. We expect to be finished by late 2025.

Future flood improvements

We're designing upgrades for two flood-prone sections of highway.

- SH2 at Nesbitt's Dip.
- SH35 at Rototahe.



Hikuwai Bridge No. 1

We're going to replace Hikuwai Bridge No. 1. Subject to consents and design, work will start in 2025.

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Not a state highway?

Gisborne District Council is responsible for local roads. For more information on what they're planning and for up-to-date information on local road closures please visit: gdc.govt.nz/services/roads

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