



Whirokino Trestle and Manawatū River Bridge replacement

PROJECT UPDATE

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The Whirokino Trestle and Manawatū River Bridge is making great progress and the project is in good shape to finish on schedule. We're on the final stretch, and looking forward to the public being able to access this important addition to our state highway network.

CURRENT WORKS

The full length of the concrete deck on the Floodway Bridge is now complete, while north of the Manawatū River we are continuing with road pavement construction. We have placed and stabilised sub-base aggregate along the alignment, ready to begin placing basecourse material. There are a handful of concrete safety barriers still to be placed on the Floodway Bridge and the galvanised Texas handrails are following along behind.

Across the Manawatū River, the new River Bridge almost has a completed deck with just the expansion joints remaining to be placed and poured. We have also started to install concrete safety barriers along this section. South of the Manawatū River, the road embankment is being tidied up, ready for a final trim before we start constructing the pavement.

COMING UP

Once we have finished placing the basecourse aggregate layer for the road, we aim to begin the final sealing works through September, October and November. At the same time, we'll be installing wire rope and guard rail safety barriers, as well as the finishing works such as road signs and line marking. Both bridge structures are expected to be completed by the end of October, allowing the application of the anti-graffiti coating.

We also have some work to do resurfacing the existing Ken Everett cycleway across the floodway, and some associated maintenance and planting work.

The next major phase will be tying the new road into the current road. Temporary traffic management will be used at each end of the project as the new pavement is constructed. This work will get underway before the end of the year (November) and continue into the beginning of 2020.

We'll be providing further updates about traffic switches closer to the time.

FINAL WORKS

Once traffic has been moved onto the new alignment, and tie-in works completed, we'll start demolition work on the current Trestle and River bridges. This will allow the remaining part of the Whirokino/Matarapa Road intersection to be completed.

With the project on schedule for completion, plans are already underway for an opening event in December. We will be sharing details of this well ahead of time so that we can get the community properly involved.



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