Whirokino Trestle and Manawatū River Bridge replacement

PROJECT UPDATE

As work begins to ramp up on the Whirokino Trestle and Manawatū River Bridge project, it's about time we got in touch to provide a brief construction update.

Project overview

This project involves replacing the Whirokino Trestle with a new bridge over the Moutoa Floodway between the existing floodway stopbanks, a new bridge over the Manawatū River, a large earth embankment to connect the two, and tie-in of the new alignment to the existing State Highway 1 at either end.

We'll also upgrade the intersection between the bridges, where Whirokino Road and Matakarapa Road meet State Highway 1.

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Aerial view of the Manawatū River Bridge and the early stages of temporary bridge construction

PROJECT BENEFITS

- No more 14km detours for heavy vehicles, which will be able to use the new structures.
- Safer and stronger bridges, with wider traffic lanes and shoulders.
- Reduced maintenance costs.
- Fewer delays from closures for overweight/width vehicles, and from maintenance and minor repairs.

The Ken Everett Cycleway (the pathway within the floodway) will remain open for cyclist and pedestrian use while we carry out these works.

This month you'll start to notice the 100 tonne crane building a temporary bridge that will be used as a staging platform to build the Manawatū Bridge replacement. We're expecting to have this staging platform completed in mid-August.

We're also establishing environmental controls (silt fences and diversion bunds) around our works area to control run-off from site.

The picnic area just south of the Manawatū River Bridge will be removed for safety reasons because it's too close to the site entrance, but a new picnic area will be built as part of the works.

The construction works are expected to take 2-3 years to complete and you can expect regular updates from the team throughout the project.

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