

Whangarei Urban Improvements

PROJECT UPDATE

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This photo: Pavement construction
Left: Utilities being relocated underground

Tarewa upgrade

The widening of State Highway 1 at Tarewa is one of the final pieces of the Whangarei improvement works. A notice of requirement has recently been lodged with the council for the proposed upgrade works.

We expect the tender for construction for this work to be awarded in the next 18 months. Along with widening the road and upgrading pedestrian and cycle facilities, the Otaika bridge will also be upgraded to accommodate 4 lanes of traffic.



The Kamo Bypass has been given a new lease on life with a vigorous weeding combined with new planting. It's now looking fresh and smart.

There is more work planned here for the future. We are going to upgrade the railway crossing as well as the road pavement. The details for these, including the timings, have yet to be finalised, but as soon as they are, we'll let you know.

For the latest highway information, check our website, www.nzta.govt.nz, or sign up to www.onthemove.govt.nz for up-to-date information on your planned route.

Freephone 0800 4 HIGHWAYS for national and regional travel updates.

WILSON TO FOURTH ALMOST DONE

Work on the Wilson to Fourth section of the project is progressing well.

Getting the water, sewerage, gas, telecommunications, and power services underground has taken quite some time – the power required a strategic shutdown process which slowed progress.

However, 90% of services are now underground and the team will shortly be

removing all the overhead high and low voltage lines and power poles.

Once this is done, we will be able to complete the work on the access roads along with the pavement on the western side of State Highway 1.

The structural asphalt pavement will be built in November and we expect the project to be complete before Christmas.

Kensington to Manse to begin soon

The tender for the construction of Kensington to Manse is due to be awarded by the end of the year. Work should begin on site in February next year and be completed by December 2016.

This section of road has five intersections with State Highway 1 – Manse Street, Kensington Avenue, Russell Road, Kohatu Road, and Lower Stanley Street – all of which will be upgraded.

- The current right turn bay into Kensington Avenue will be changed to a roundabout treatment
- Russell Road will be restricted from right turn out movements
- Kohatu Road and Manse Street will be

restricted from both right-in and right-out movements

- Lower Stanley Street will be relocated further north

The planned works also include building a new car park within Kensington Park, undergrounding power and telecommunications services, constructing a median barrier on SH1 from Manse Street to Kensington Avenue, building several large retaining walls, and associated landscaping and streetscape works.

Once the tender has been awarded, the winning contractor will finalise the scope and timing of works, and we'll be sure to let you know what's happening when.

