Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Activity

Minister's Weekly Update

14 April 2023

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Waka Kotahi three phase response to the impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle

Phase	Description	Current state
One: Emergency Response	Open temporary emergency access and lifelines to affected and isolated communities. Some customer access is likely to be restricted, for example, freight.	State Highway 25A in the Coromandel and State Highway 2, between Napier and Tutira are the only sections of State Highway network that are still closed. Some limited convoy access is allowed on State Highway 2 during week days.
Two: Providing access for communities	Once lifeline connections are established, start to lift the level of service, to support community access. This includes assessment, stabilisation, minor works and some maintenance.	A full assessment is commencing on all corridors that were affected. Maintenance and Operations teams are continuing to repair at risk sites while rebuild strategic planning is underway.
Three: Rebuild and betterment for the long term	Undertaking permanent rebuild alongside our partners.	Strategic Planning is underway for three regions – Northland, Coromandel and East Coast – and is expected to be completed by the end of June 2023.

Waka Kotahi has prepared State Highway Access Maps showing the key areas where restrictions apply and general advice on the length of time for repairs. These maps are updated three times per week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) until further notice.

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Road status / Strategic Resilience Plan

Overall

RAG status colour shows status and the arrow direction shows change from the last report.

Key operational progress updates

- State Highway 1, Brynderwyn Hill is open.
- State Highway 1 Mangamuka Gorge remains closed – looking at a May 2024 opening date.
- State Highway 25A, Kopu to Hikuai, remains closed to all vehicles until further notice.
- State Highway 35 is open, with access past the damaged Hikuwai bridge via a private road, and past the Mangahauini Gorge via the constructed bypass road.
- Waikare bridge piling has been completed on State Highway 2. Waikare Bridge will open to residents with restrictions in early May 2023 and will open to the public at the end of May 2023.

Strategic resilience plan

- Over the next few months, we aim to prepare a strategic resilience plan for our state highway corridors. The aim of this work is to further support the immediate emergency works that have already taken place in the affected regions, and identify options for resilience works in the short, medium and long term.
- It will identify ranges of programmes and funding required for next steps, which will be further refined in the next stages. There is prior work and investigations in the project area that we can draw on, but this strategic response will take a stronger resilience lens.
- Local Council(s) within each affected region, as well as iwi, will be engaged during this stage of the plan.
- The Tairāwhiti/Wairoa planning is currently in week four of this 12-week project; the team has been initially focused on setting up the project and confirming the scope. Other areas are starting their planning now.

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Alliance signing

- The interim alliance agreement for the East Coast Recovery was signed by all five participants (Waka Kotahi, KiwiRail, Downer, Fulton Hogan and Higgins) on 13 April 2023.
- The interim agreement covers a three-month establishment period.
- The scope of the interim alliance is to:
  - set up the design and delivery management team;
  - undertake some emergency works on behalf of KiwiRail; and
  - produce a procurement and delivery plan, based on the asset owners' procurement strategy.
- The procurement strategy will define Waka Kotahi and KiwiRail requirements for the engagement of regional contractors and consultants.

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Bailey Bridges

Bridge Name	Road Controlling Authority	Bailey Bridge Committed?	Status
Opoiti River Bridge	Wairoa District Council	Yes	Complete
SH35 Hikuwai No. 1 River Bridge	Waka Kotahi	Yes	Physical Works
SH2 Waikare River Bridge	Waka Kotahi	Yes	Physical Works
Rissington Bridge	Hastings District Council	Yes	Complete
Hollywood Bridge	Gisborne District Council	Yes	Site investigation & design
Moeangiangi Bridge	Hastings District Council	Yes	Site investigation & design
Whanawhana Bridge	Hastings District Council	Yes	Site preparation & design
Ellis-Wallace Bridge	Hastings District Council	Yes	Site preparation & design
Mangatutu low level Bridge	Hastings District Council	Yes	Site investigation & design
Makiekie (Coal) Creek Bridge	Manawatu District Council	Yes	Physical Works
Te Reinga Bridge	Wairoa District Council	Yes	Site investigation & design
Redclyffe Bridge	Hastings District Council	Pending Advice from RCA on requirements	TBC - Still unknown if RCA Require
Waikare River (Glenbrook) Bridge	Wairoa District Council	Pending Advice from RCA on requirements	TBC - Still unknown if RCA Require
Bridge #296 -No 2 Rakaiatai Road	Tararua District Council	Pending Advice from RCA on requirements	TBC - Still unknown if RCA Require
Crystal Twin Culvert	Hastings District Council	Pending Advice from RCA on requirements	TBC - Still unknown if RCA Require

Bridge Name	Road Controlling Authority	Reason Bailey Bridge Not Required
Aropanui Low Level Bridge	Hastings District Council	RCA advised that alternative solution was being pursued
Dartmoor Bridge	Hastings District Council	RCA advised that alternative solution was being pursued
Matapiro Bridge	Hastings District Council	RCA advised that alternative solution was being pursued
Crownthorpe Bridge	Hastings District Council	RCA advised that alternative solution was being pursued
Brookfield Bridge	Hastings District Council	RCA advised that alternative solution was being pursued
Te Puna Bridge	Wairoa District Council	Low Priority - Bailey bridge not currently being pursued
Puketapu Bridge	Hastings District Council	RCA advised that alternative solution was being pursued
Darkeys Spur No. 1 Bridge	Hastings District Council	RCA advised that alternative solution was being pursued
McVicars Culvert	Hastings District Council	RCA advised that alternative solution was being pursued

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Funding update at 11 April 2023

Initial response

Update on funding approvals and amounts claimed:

$million	Approved last week (4-Apr-23) (funding allocated for specific organisations)	Approved this week (11-Apr-23) (funding allocated for specific organisations)	Change since last week	Claimed last week (4-Apr-23) (payments made)	Claimed this week (11-Apr-23) (payments made)	Change since last week
Local Roads	137	145	8	19	27.4	8.4
Kiwi Rail	40 (est.)	40 (est.)	-	3.5	3.5	-
State Highways	76 (est.)	76 (est.)	-	4	14.1	10.1
TOTAL	**253 (est.)**	**261 (est.)**	**8**	**26.5**	**45.0**	**18.5**

Key Points

- Recent funding approvals for Carterton, South Wairarapa and Whangarei District Councils have increased the total approved National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) funding for local roads to $145 million. Still outstanding is Auckland Transport's initial response funding request for $28.2 million (NLTF share), which will be considered at the April Board meeting (20 April 2023). A further 15 Councils have submitted funding requests (totalling an estimated $36 million NLTF share), which we expect to review and approve over the two weeks.
- The increase in claims for local roads resulted from a single claim from Gisborne District Council.
- A General Circular has been issued to Councils advising of the Special Funding Assistance Rate (FAR) for initial response works for approved organisations impacted by the North Island Weather Events (NIWE) and detailing eligibility criteria.
- We continue to receive queries on the cost share arrangement for permanent reinstatement works as Councils enter into contractual arrangements for the longer-term rebuild.
- Work is continuing to confirm the costs of the initial response on the State Highway Network, noting we expect the current estimate of $76 million to increase.

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Weather events response and recovery communications and engagement

WHAT'S HAPPENED: 1-6 APRIL

NATIONAL

- GM email to TS people
- CE video update out
- OnRamp page live (linked to in CE video)
- Transport Services newsletter with National Recovery Support Team article
- Key messaging sent internally
- New state highways access PDF map/dashboard working well
- Teams call with consultants + follow up email with milestones visual sent
- Consultants + contractors (key stakeholders + interested) sent progress email + milestone visual
- Media release + launch plan for alliance announcement with Minister's office ahead of interim alliance signing
- Engagement with other alliance partners to align comms
- Comms + engagement in Board paper

NORTHLAND

Brynderwyns

- Brynderwyn Hills has traffic running in both directions for Easter
- April closure dates from 17 April for approx. 2 weeks (weather dependent)
- Latest video has 55k views, 260 shares + many supportive comments

Mangamuka Gorge

Noting the gorge was closed in August 2022 due to weather events and 15 slips

- OnRamp article about local mahi on site
- Stakeholder workshop
- Radio interview with Te Hiku radio (Kaitaia)

WAIKATO

SH25 and SH25A Coromandel

- Ongoing comms – customer responses, weekly e-news + social post
- Engagement with freight
- Waiting to hear from Minister Wood's office about SH25A announcement date
- Easter media release – take time travelling, some sections still damaged
- Declined site visit request from MPs Christopher Luxon + Scott Simpson due to safety

SH31 Kāwhia – comms sent out ahead of permanent repair work starting 11 April

SH23 Raglan – Continued work with Ngati Mahanga on blessing plans; e-news to update on work progression/retaining wall; waiting on outcome of event proposal with Minister Allan

RISK: SH25A rebuild timeframe + community concerns; SH25 vulnerability + closure without warning due to cracking or slip; SH31 long daytime closures when rebuild starts 11 April

EAST COAST

- Multiple media and social media
- Connecting Tairāwhiti e-newsletter out
- Hawke's Bay Recovery issue #4 out
- Draft comms + engagement plan for strategic case developed
- Ongoing engagement with mana whenua with regular updates on recovery
- Further update to Tūtira + Putirono communities
- Local government update to Hawke's Bay + Tairāwhiti Mayors + council CEs by Linda (DRR) – also went to Minister Wood + Allan
- Support for Minister's visit to Hawke's Bay Thursday
- National Recovery Support Team drafted comms on progress for collaborative delivery model
- Tier 2 & Tier 3 local contractor meetings Hawke's Bay
- Weekly alliance establishment meetings taking place

WHAT'S COMING UP: 7-14 APRIL

- Key stakeholder mapping
- Update and share messaging (Tuesdays)
- Develop key themes
- Interim alliance to be announced (Thursday)
- Alliance participant comms to go out after announcement
- Alliance OnRamp story

Brynderwyns

- Comms to key stakeholders
- X1 media release about closures
- Media interviews
- Planning for key stakeholder updates + more video content during closure

Mangamuka Gorge

- Social post (progress update); hapū, elected reps + stakeholder direct update; e-newsletter; flyers + storyboards distributed; working on external story about local procurement; planning for community events + further briefing sessions

SH25 and SH25A Coromandel

- Comms support for SH25 repair + closures for Geotech
- Weekly e-news + Coromandel FM radio interview (TBC Rob Campbell)
- Meeting comms people from Thames-Coromandel District Council + agencies in recovery + repair

SH23 Raglan

- Blessing + opening plans
- Web page updates

SH31 Kāwhia

- Comms to remind people of the daytime closures + detour

- Progress update advertorial to run in Gisborne Herald on Saturday
- Video of East Coast recovery efforts to be published
- Detailed update on SH5 for freight industry as requested by stakeholder
- Iwi engagement about alliance + strategic cases

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