

Waikato & Bay of Plenty state highway works March 2025

The Takitimu North Link Stage 1 project reached a significant milestone this construction season – passing the halfway point and making momentous progress across the 6.8km site.

There are several active sites on this major infrastructure project, and while much of this is away from the views of the travelling public, road users should look out for 3 main worksites impacting local roads, at State Highway 2 (SH2)/Fifteenth Avenue, State Highway 29 (SH29) Takitimu Drive Toll Road, and Minden Road, Te Puna.

At the eastern end of the project, work will soon begin at the on-ramp connecting SH29/Takitimu Drive Toll Road to SH2, heading to Fifteenth Avenue. This small section of SH29 will be closed for 3 weeks from Monday 24 March while crews extend 2 culverts, relocate services and complete earthworks before road widening starts.

While this work is underway, traffic detours are via SH2 Elizabeth Street Roundabout, Eleventh Avenue and Cameron Road (see detour map attached).

The SH29 closure is part of major works to build the connection from SH2/Fifteenth Avenue to SH29/Takitimu Drive Toll Road which also includes building a 120m long retaining wall and single lane bridge connection. Piling for the bridge will be underway this month for approximately 3 months.

Work at SH29/Takitimu Drive Toll Road and Minden, Te Puna, continues where the major interchanges at each end of the project are being built. Look out for a night closure on SH29, they're coming up on Sunday 13 April for barrier installation, and ongoing traffic management in both these areas.



SH29 Takitimu Drive Toll Road and the new Takitimu Drive interchange under construction (looking towards Tauranga/Mount Maunganui)

Come along to the Takitimu North Link community open day to find out more about current construction progress and the latest news on the rest of the project between Tauranga and Te Puna. We look forward to seeing you there! [Download open day flyer and location map](#)

When: Saturday 29 March between 10.30am and 1.30pm

Where: Bethlehem Hall, 239 State Highway 2, Bethlehem, Tauranga

Bay of Plenty

Tauranga

- **SH2/Fifteenth Ave:** Major works to build the connection from Fifteenth Ave to SH29/Takitimu Drive Toll Road are in progress as part of the Takitimu North Link project. Works involve the building of a 120m long retaining wall and earthworks, this is well underway, and we're preparing to start the construction of the single lane bridge connecting SH2/Fifteenth Ave to SH29/Takitimu Drive Toll Road. Piling started in March and will take approximately 3 months, and construction of the bridge will take approximately 12 months to complete. One lane at SH2/Fifteenth Ave near Edgcombe Road is closed while this work takes place, this is likely to remain in place until mid-2026. [More information.](#)

From Monday 24 March, the on-ramp connecting SH29/Takitimu Drive Toll Road to SH2, heading up to Fifteenth Ave will be closed for 3 weeks. Works to extend 2 culverts, relocate services and complete earthworks before road widening to 2 lanes will be undertaken as part of the Takitimu North Link Stage 1 project. Between Monday 24 March and Sunday 13 April 2025 traffic will be detoured via SH2 to Elizabeth Street Roundabout, via Eleventh Ave and Cameron Road.

- **Cambridge Road:** Asphalt resurfacing will take place overnight on Thursday 27 March. Stop/go traffic management will be in place from 7pm, with the road down to 1 lane and a reduced speed limit of 30km/h.
- **SH29 Valley View Road, Kaimai Range:** Until late May, temporary traffic management is in place, with a closure of the passing lane at Valley View Road, lane shifts and a temporary 50km/h and 30km/h speed limit through the work site. This is to enable drainage maintenance and road resurfacing work to take place. This work will be completed during the day and at night and traffic management will remain 24/7. All lanes will be open over the weekend.
- **SH29 McLaren Falls Road:** Until late March, temporary traffic management, lane shifts, and a closure of the Lower Kaimai Range passing lane is in place from Poripori Road until just after McLaren Falls Road. This is to enable road surfacing work to take place. There will be a reduced speed limit of 50km/h through the site, and 30km/h at the intersection with McLaren Falls Road to ensure the safety of the community and our team. Three lanes will be open at the weekends.
- **SH29 Tauriko West between Redwood Lane and Cambridge Road:** Project construction is ongoing at multiple sites, with shoulder closures, temporary speed limits and mobile operations in place. At the Takitimu Drive Roundabout, the slip lane from SH29 to Takitimu Drive Toll Road remains closed until mid-April during off-peak hours, 9am - 4pm, while fill materials are carted into a future wetland area. Traffic can join Takitimu Drive Toll Road from the roundabout. From Sunday 23 to Wednesday 26 March there will be night works with resident-only access to Redwood Lane for asphaltting work. On Saturday 5 April (8am to 4pm) there will be shoulder closures on both sides of SH29 in the Tauriko Village for work on the overhead power lines. [More information](#)
- **SH29 Takitimu Drive Toll Road:** Ongoing works in this area for the Takitimu North Link project include the construction of a flyover bridge and southbound slip lane. A reduced speed limit of 70km/h remains in place while crews are working behind the barriers. Traffic is anticipated to be diverted onto the flyover bridge and southbound slip lane in the next year while works continue. [More information.](#)
- **SH2 Hewletts Road, Tauranga:** Resurfacing night works are underway, with crews on site Sunday to Thursday, between 8pm and 5am, this and next week (with work finishing 5am, Friday 28

March). During these hours, people can expect lane closures, some full closures and detours. No work will take place on Friday or Saturday nights. [More information.](#)

- **SH2 Baypark to Bayfair:** From Sunday 23 to Thursday 27 March (from approximately 7pm to 5am) overnight lane and shoulder closures will be in place on the SH2 Bayfair Flyover, at the Bayfair Roundabout, on Maunganui Road and at the SH29A Roundabout. Detours are not required, minor delays are to be expected.
- **SH2 Tauranga Eastern Link Toll Road (TELTR):** The Tauranga City Council led project continues. A 2km section of SH2, just past the Kaituna River Bridge, continues to be reduced to a single lane in each direction allowing construction of the Pāpāmoa East Interchange to progress. This closure will remain in place for the duration of construction, with a temporary 70km/h speed limit in place. [More information.](#)

Western Bay of Plenty

- **SH2 Apata Station Road to Wainui South Road:** Road construction works continue in preparation for the new roundabout. Lane shifts are in place along with speed restrictions. There will be intermittent stop/go traffic management in place which may cause longer delays. Follow the temporary signs and directions of the traffic management team and watch for layout changes. Expect minor delays.
- **SH2 Turners Road rebuild:** Following completion of the newly rebuilt southbound lanes, traffic will be shifted to allow construction of the northbound lanes. To manage this phase safely, the work will be done in stages. Road users should expect some layout changes as it is completed. Speed restrictions are in place.
- **SH2 Pahoia Road to Plummers Point Road:** Lane shifts are in place along with speed restrictions while services are installed. There will be intermittent stop/go traffic management which may cause longer delays. Follow the temporary signs and directions of the traffic management team and watch for layout changes. Expect minor delays.
- **SH2 Ōmokoroa Road:** The temporary roundabout is now operational, and road construction and service relocation works are underway in preparation for the new roundabout. Major road construction is underway north of the intersection. This work will be undertaken overnight under stop/go with a single lane operational. During the day 2 lanes will be open with traffic traveling on a metal surface. Other works will continue offline during the day. Lane shifts are in place along with speed restrictions. There will be intermittent stop/go traffic management which may cause longer delays. Follow the temporary signs and directions of the traffic management team and watch for layout changes. Expect minor delays especially during peak times. [More information](#)
- **SH2 Minden Road – Takitimu North Link Stage 1:** There will be 1 night of asphalt resurfacing on Wednesday 26 March. Stop/go traffic management will be in place from 6pm, traffic will be down to 1 lane and a 30km/h reduced speed limit. Please take care travelling through the work site.

Rotorua

- **SH30 Te Ngae Road-Wharenui Road:** Work is underway at the SH30 Te Ngae Road and Wharenui Road intersection with Wharenui Road closed to through-traffic from the intersection until May. Pedestrian/cycle access is retained. Wharenui Road can be reached via Coulter/Glenfield or Brent/Reeve roads. On SH30 Te Ngae Road traffic management including speed restrictions are

in place. A temporary pedestrian refuge is in place 250m south of the intersection. [More information](#)

- **SH30 Te Ngae Road-Iles Road to Ōwhata Road:** Final line-marking will be completed between Iles Road and Ōwhata Road, under lane closures and lane shifts. These works will take place when machinery is available, and weather allows. [More information](#)
- **SH30 Lake Rotoiti:** Stage 3 of the Volcanic Epic mountain biking event is on Friday 28 March, near Lake Rotoiti, on SH30 between Lake Ōkātina Road and the Rotoiti Sports Club fields. Motorists should be aware of cyclists on the road between 10am and 10.15am.
- **SH36 Te Pu:** A road rebuild is underway on SH36, Te Pu north of Dudley Road and is expected to finish in early April. Works are underway Monday to Friday, between 7.30am and 5.30pm, with prioritisation for peak morning and evening traffic flows, weather permitting. Expect delays while the work is taking place as there will be stop/go traffic management in place with a 30km/h speed limit.

Eastern Bay of Plenty

- **SH35 Ōpape:** Underslip repairs are underway and expected to finish mid-April. Works are taking place Monday to Saturday, between 7am and 5pm, with stop/go traffic management and a temporary speed limit of 30km/h in place. While the site is unattended there will be temporary speed limit of 50km/h in place. [More information](#)
- **SH35 Te Kura O Tōrere:** Work starts soon near Te Kura O Tōrere east of Ōpōtiki on 2 slips. While these repairs are underway, this section of SH35 will be down to 1 lane for up to 6 months.
- **SH30 Awakeri:** For 2 weeks from Monday 17 March, SH30 will be closed between SH2/SH30 intersection (west of Awakeri) and SH30/SH34 intersection for resurfacing and other general maintenance. The closure will be weekdays only, between 9am to 5pm. There will also be temporary stop/go traffic management in place on SH2 with a reduced speed limit. A detour for all vehicles will be via SH30, left to SH34 Military Road to Hallet Road and Awaiti South Road to SH2 Matatā. A no-right turn will be in place at Grieve Road and Maunder Road.**SH30 Awakeri School:** The Awakeri Top School and Gala Day will be held Sunday 23 March between 9.30am and 2pm. There will be traffic management and a reduced speed limit in place. Motorists should be aware of more vehicles and pedestrians in the area on the day.

Waikato

SH1 Tīrau to Waiōuru Accelerated Maintenance Programme:

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- **SH1 between Tūrangi and Waiouru:** SH1 between Tūrangi and Waiouru, including the Desert Road, remains under traffic management, including temporary speed limits, in some areas. Weather has impacted sweeping and line marking the full section. Road users should be mindful of loose chip and drive to the sign posted speed limit, leaving a good following distance from the car in front.
There will be further works required to finish the final surface on the Desert Road later in the year. This work will, wherever possible, be done at night. The scheduling is still being worked through for when this final surfacing will be done.
- **SH1 Putāruru to Lichfield:** SH1 is closed from SH1/Princes Street, Putāruru to Vosper Road/SH1 Lichfield intersection until early April for road rebuilding from Domain Road to Pinedale Road.

There will also be some night work under stop/go in mid-April for the final surfacing of the road rebuilds completed last year between Vospers Road and Rollett Road.

All north and southbound vehicles are being detoured 24/7. The local detour for light vehicles (all vehicles you can drive on a regular car/Class 1 licence) is:

Northbound via Vospers Road, Kells Lane, Lichfield Road, Golf Street, Arapuni Street, Princes Street.

Southbound via Princes Street, Arapuni Street, Grey Street, Lichfield Road, Vospers Road. The detour adds approximately 16 minutes and 18.5km to journeys.

The detour for heavy vehicles is via SH30/SH5.

There is a temporary speed limit on the detour route at Putāruru of 70km/h and 30km/h speed limit past Lichfield School.

- **SH1 Ātiamuri to Wairakei:** SH1 is closed from the SH1/SH30 intersection to the SH1/SH5 intersection (Wairakei Roundabout) until early April for road rebuilding, maintenance and safety work. All north and southbound vehicles are being detoured 24/7.

The detour for light vehicles (all vehicles you can drive on a regular car/Class 1 licence) is:

- SH30, SH32 and Poihipi Road to Wairakei Drive and vice versa. The detour for light vehicle adds approximately 23 minutes and 32km to journeys.
- All heavy vehicles traveling locally use SH5 via Rotorua which will add 43 minutes to the journey.

East Waikato

- **Annual Beach Hop, Whangamatā:** Motorists should expect the roads to be busy with people heading to the event which starts on Wednesday 26 March and continues to Sunday 30 March. As part of the annual Beach Hop, SH2 in Waihi will be closed for the Classic Car Parade and Show between Kenny Street and School Lane from 6am to 3pm on Wednesday 26 March. The detour for all traffic will be via Kenny Street, there will be traffic management in place with a reduced speed limit. [More information](#)
- **SH25 Hikuai:** Work to replace a culvert at Boom Stream Bridge is underway. This will involve shoulder closures and a temporary speed restriction, with occasional lane closures. This work is weather dependent and expected to take up to 6 weeks to complete.
- **SH26 Onetai Stream Bridge replacement:** A lane closure with a speed restriction and stop/go traffic management in place at Onetai Stream Bridge on SH26 as the team finish the road approaches and other safety aspects of the project. [More Information](#)
- **SH27 Tatuani Roundabout:** Road resurfacing will take place from Sunday 23 March to Thursday 27 March at the Tatuani roundabout between 8pm and 5am, when the work gets underway there will be a road closure with a detour via SH27 – Murray Road onto Horrell Road and SH26 onto No 7 Road then onto No 2 Road and proceed towards SH27 where the detour ends. There will also be stop/go traffic management with a reduced speed limit in place.
 - Eastbound traffic SH26, proceed on SH26, turn left onto No 7 Road, turn left onto No 2 Road and proceed towards SH27 where the detour ends.
 - Westbound traffic on SH26, proceed on SH26, turn right onto Murray Road, turn right onto Horrell Road, Proceed on Horrell Road and proceed towards SH27 where the detour ends.
 - Northbound traffic on SH27, turn left onto SH26, turn right onto Murray Road, turn right onto Horrell Road, Proceed on Horrell Road and proceed towards SH27 where the detour ends.

- Southbound traffic on SH27, turn left onto No 2 Road, turn right onto No 7 Road, proceed on No 7 Road, and proceed towards SH26 where the detour ends.
- **SH29 Te Poi:** A road rebuild has begun in Te Poi between Te Poi Road and Stopford Road with a finish date of Friday 28 March. While the work is taking place the road will be closed to all traffic 24/7. Traffic (light vehicles) will be detoured via Te Poi Road and SH24 or Te Poi South Road and SH28 adding around 5 minutes to journeys along SH29. Heavy vehicles will be detoured via SH27, SH24 and SH28 adding around 15 minutes. [More information](#)

Central Waikato

- **SH1/SH5 Taupō:** Drivers travelling near the Taupō Commercial Vehicle Safety Centre – under construction at the SH1/SH5 roundabout – need to be aware of changing road layouts and speed restrictions. Contractors are installing in-road weigh-in-motion scales and associated camera technology and signage boards until May. These are being installed on 5 of the roads heading towards the safety centre, including SH1 and SH5. Temporary lanes and speed restrictions will be in place.
- **SH49 Tangiwai:** KiwiRail is undertaking urgent maintenance at the Tangiwai Rail Crossing on SH49 the last weekend of work will be on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 March. SH49 at the Tangiwai Rail Crossing will be down to 1 lane under stop/go traffic management this weekend.

West Waikato

- **SH23 Raglan Road:** Due to unfavourable weather this week the Four Brothers Reserve worksite will continue into next week with work taking place on Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 of March. 1 extra night is also needed at the Ohautira Road worksite, this will take place on Thursday 27 March. The narrow width of the road means there is not enough room to complete the work safely, so the road will be closed to traffic in both directions near each worksite, vehicles will be escorted through the worksite at 9.45pm, 11pm, 1am and 3am. There will be temporary speed limits in place during the work.
- **SH23 Massey Street, Hamilton:** Resurfacing work will take place on Sunday 23 March for 1 night from 8pm to 6am between Rifle Range Road and Greenwood Street, while work is taking place the road will be closed to through traffic a detour will be available for all vehicles via Killarney Road.
- **SH1B Telephone Road, Hamilton:** Construction is ongoing on a range of improvements at the rail crossing on SH1B Telephone Road and the adjacent intersection with Holland Road and Marshmeadow Road. Work is expected to take 3 months to complete, there are a number of detours in place while the work is ongoing.
- **SH1C Cobham Drive, Hamilton:** 1 night of resurfacing will take place on Tuesday 25 March on Cobham Drive between Lorne Street and the local road section of Cobham Drive, from 8pm to 6am each night. There will be stop/go traffic management in place and the local road section of Cobham Drive will be closed at the SH1C intersection.
- **SH1 Ngāruawāhia:** While remedial and safety improvements were largely completed to get all lanes open by Christmas, minor finishing works are underway until 30 May. Work within the lanes is being done under lane closures between 9am-4pm and at night between 6pm-6am. Outside these hours all lanes are open to traffic with no speed restrictions.

- **SH39 Koura Drive, Hamilton:** New streetlight cables are being installed on the slip lane on Koura Drive, the slip lane to the northbound on-ramp will be closed between 8pm and 6am on Sunday 23 March. The detour for light vehicles is northbound vehicles will continue on Koura Drive, turn at the Onion Road intersection to return back along Koura Drive. Heavy Vehicles and HPMV's will continue on Koura Drive, onto Onion Road, Ruffell Road to Arthur Porter Drive to return back to Koura Drive to access the northbound on-ramp.
- **SH1 Tamahere:** On Monday 24 March for 1 night the northbound on-ramp at the Tamahere Interchange will be closed for resurfacing between 8pm and 5am. All vehicles will be detoured via the southbound on-ramp and then to the Victoria Road Interchange to return northbound.
- **SH1 Waikato Expressway - Cambridge section:** The northbound left lane will be closed on Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 March, followed by north and south bound lane closures between Monday 31 March and Friday 4 April to allow contractors to reseal sections of the road prior to the onset of winter. There will be 4 worksites in total to be repaired – 2 northbound and 2 southbound. Following the work the lanes will be under temporary traffic management with a reduce speed limit in place. [More information](#)
- **SH1/SH29 Piarere intersection:** Work is continuing on the central median, hard landscaping and minor finishing works with lane diversions in place as required. Night shifts will continue for line marking from Monday 24 March for 1 week, with temporary traffic management in place, including shoulder closures and lane deviations. Minor traffic delays are expected. NZTA thanks motorists for their patience and asks drivers to stick to temporary speed limits and take extra care when travelling through the area while people adjust to the layout. [More information.](#)
- **SH3 Rukuhia:** A road rebuild is underway, expected completion early April, on SH3 between Rukuhia Road and Narrows Road. The work will take place between 7am and 5pm each day. The work will be completed 1 lane at a time, the lane not being worked on will be open to northbound traffic at all times. A 24/7 southbound detour will be in place for light vehicles via Raynes Road, SH21 Airport Road to re-join SH3. Rukuhia Road will remain open at all times but will only be left in and left out. Residents travelling southbound will be required to use the detour route to travel north to access properties. Buses, heavy vehicles, HPMV's and over dimension vehicles will be stacked and released to align with the bus timetable. [More information](#)
- **SH3/31 Ōtorohanga:** Resurfacing will take place over 2 nights on Tuesday 25 March and Wednesday 26 March between 8pm and 6am at the SH3 Ōtorohanga and SH31 intersection. There will be 6 way stop/go traffic management in place with delays of up to 10 minutes depending on traffic volumes.

North Waikato

- **Mercer Interchange to Island Block Road:** There will be a full southbound closure on Wednesday 26 March between 9pm and 5am for maintenance. Traffic will still be able to travel south using one of the northbound lanes. Please slow down and follow traffic management instructions.

Manuwatū -Whanganui

- **SH4 Ōtoko:** Retaining wall work to improve the road shoulder and improve drainage will begin on Monday 17 March taking 4 weeks to complete due for completion around mid-April. The

worksite will be under 24/7 traffic management during construction, delays of 5-10 minutes are to be expected.

Tairāwhiti Gisborne/Hawke's Bay

- **SH5 Napier to Taupō:** Recovery alliance Transport Rebuild East Coast (TREC) continues to progress safety improvements, as well as repair, recovery and maintenance activities at multiple sites on SH5 between Eskdale and Waipunga. [More information](#)

Taranaki

- **SH3 Mount Messenger:** 2 months of vegetation maintenance started on Monday 17 March during the day between 6am to 6pm. There will be stop/go traffic management and a reduced speed limit in place Monday to Saturday each week.

The above information is accurate at the time of release. Many of the above works are dependent on a number of factors, particularly weather, and may be postponed at short notice. For up-to-date information on road works, traffic, detours and delays, motorists are encouraged to visit the NZTA Journey Planner website (journeys.nzta.govt.nz).

NZTA thanks motorists for their patience while we complete this essential work to keep the state highway network safe, accessible and resilient.

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