The Arahura Bridge is an essential link over the Arahura River for State Highway 6 and the Hokitika Branch Railway Line. It is the only direct route between Hokitika and Greymouth for road traffic.

The existing bridge is more than 120 years old and is near the end of its serviceable life. ONTRACK and Transit are working together to build a replacement road/rail bridge and preserve this vital transport link for the West Coast.

The replacement bridge will improve public safety by separating road, rail and pedestrian/cycle traffic. The new highway component will be two lanes, and the new design will include river guidebanks to protect the bridge and reduce flood and erosion risks.

The bridge will be built in stages to ensure that State Highway 6 remains open throughout the two-year construction period. ONTRACK is leading the bridge construction and Transit is responsible for the road approaches.

**Introducing ONTRACK**

ONTRACK is the state owned enterprise responsible for managing New Zealand’s rail network. ONTRACK provides rail operators with access to the tracks, including Toll NZ, and is responsible for all ‘below rail’ components of the network including the maintenance of existing tracks, tunnels and bridges, and the design and construction of new rail infrastructure.

**Introducing Transit New Zealand**

Transit New Zealand (Transit) is the Crown Entity responsible for state highways. These strategic roads and motorways make up about 12% (10,894 km) of all New Zealand’s roads, but account for about half of the 36 billion vehicle kilometres New Zealanders travel every year.

**Introducing HEB Structures**

HEB Structures (HEB) will be constructing the replacement Arahura Bridge and associated river works. HEB has successfully delivered a number of major contracts on State Highways and in the rail corridor, and is used to managing construction works within tight time and environmental constraints to minimise traffic delays and disturbances.