

Baypark to Bayfair Link

Project update

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Construction update

Welcome to the Construction update for the Baypark to Bayfair Link (Bay Link) project. CPB Contractors is carrying out the design and construction for Bay Link. This update provides an overview of what's happened and what's coming up for the project.



For more updates on the Bay Link project, please [visit the website](#).



Temporary changes to Truman Lane

A temporary yet significant change to the traffic layout on Truman Lane will be implemented overnight on Sunday 11 December to enable the next stage of road

reconstruction in the area.

Truman Lane will be reduced to a single lane westbound between Bay of Plenty House Removals and the State Highway 29A roundabout (outside Baypark).

This scheduled traffic switch is weather dependent. If it is delayed because of weather or other unforeseen issues, it will be carried out on the next suitable nights.

What does this change mean for people driving?

From Monday 12 December:

- Access to Truman Lane will be via State Highway 2 Sandhurst interchange only. Access to Truman Lane from SH29A roundabout will be closed.
- SH2/Maunganui Road traffic from Mount Maunganui or Bayfair – Truman Lane will be accessible via SH2/Tauranga Eastern Link (TEL) and Sandhurst interchange.
- SH29A traffic from Maungatapu – Truman Lane will be accessible via Te Maunga interchange, SH2/TEL and Sandhurst interchange via a signposted detour. Truman Lane will not be accessible from the SH29A roundabout.
- TEL traffic from Pāpāmoa – Truman Lane will be accessible via the Sandhurst interchange.

Truman Lane (via Sandhurst interchange and Mangatawa Link Road) will remain the detour route for road users travelling from Pāpāmoa/TEL to SH29A while the final off ramp approaching Te Maunga interchange from Pāpāmoa is under construction.

The existing 50km/h speed limit will remain in place on Truman Lane except on the westbound approach to the SH29A roundabout where a temporary 30km/h speed limit will apply. All road users approaching the SH29A roundabout from Truman Lane need to give way at this intersection, including when continuing west onto SH29A.

People are reminded to take care when adjusting to the new road layout. Please follow the posted speed limits, share the road safely with trucks and oversized vehicles, and be aware of vehicle movements in and out of Truman Lane businesses.

This temporary layout is expected to be in place until autumn 2023. All Truman Lane businesses, including Baypark Stadium and Te Maunga transfer station, will remain accessible throughout the duration of the work.

Why is this temporary change necessary?

All existing roads within the extent of the Bay Link site are being replaced as part of the project – more than 79,000m² in total – to support heavier and higher number of vehicles.

Since the partial opening of Te Maunga interchange in July, road workers have been reconstructing the eastern side of Truman Lane between the new SH29A roundabout and the former Baypark/Truman Lane roundabout. With this area nearing completion, work will soon start on reconstructing the next section of Truman Lane within the Bay Link site.

The traffic switch on 11 December will accommodate this new work zone and enable road workers to reconstruct this road safely. Reducing the road to a single lane in one direction allows this work to be completed alongside live traffic and as efficiently as possible, reducing the overall impact on the traffic network. This work needs to be completed during the drier months as winter weather introduces additional challenges which make road construction considerably more difficult and time consuming.

Once the traffic switch has been implemented and barriers installed around the new work zone, crews will start removing the old asphalt and excavating the ground to ensure the new road is constructed on a solid foundation.

More information is available at nzta.govt.nz/trumanlane.

The Bay Link project team thanks motorists, local residents and businesses for their patience while this work is underway.

Recent changes on Bay Link

Settled weather is ideal for earthworks and has seen road reconstruction on several key areas of the project progress in recent weeks. Recent changes include:

Bayfair end:

- Over a week of night shifts earlier this month, crews laid the third of four layers all Bay Link roads are made up of around the Bayfair roundabout: the permanent basecourse structural asphalt before traffic was moved onto it. This traffic switch resulted in a smaller roundabout and road reconstruction on the roundabout's outer lanes is now underway.
- Permanent concrete barriers have been constructed around the base of the retaining walls of the Bayfair flyover's northern ramp, and on SH2 along one base of Te Maunga interchange (pictured below). This work has been completed using a slipform machine which produces a string of barriers while in motion.
- Crews have continued to install precast concrete fascia panels on the eastern side of the Bayfair flyover's southern ramp, providing the finished surface to the retaining wall.



Te Maunga end:

- Handrails have been installed on Te Maunga interchange. These rails are made to measure offsite after construction of the supporting infrastructure is complete. The shared path descending from the top of the SH2 off ramp towards Bayfair roundabout will soon open for public use, making it easier for people to walk or cycle between Bayfair Shopping Centre and Baypark.
- Crews have installed drainage and been reconstructing the road on the eastern side of 'the canyon' – a long, narrow area on SH2 extending from near Exeter Street, underneath the interchange and onto TEL. Recently, layers of permanent basecourse structural asphalt have been placed at the canyon's northern end during night shifts (pictured below).
- Retaining walls have continued to rise out of the ground in the area formerly occupied by SH29A between the railway line and SH2. These walls form the sides of a future northbound off-ramp from TEL onto Te Maunga interchange, which is currently expected to open to road users in autumn 2023.



Looking ahead

Work continues for the remainder of the year and into 2023, making the most of summer's long, dry days. The following activities are scheduled in coming months:

- Road reconstruction will be ongoing across the project – on SH2/TEL in the canyon, on Truman Lane outside Baypark and around Bayfair roundabout. Once all permanent basecourse structural asphalt is placed on the eastern side of the canyon, there will be a minor switch to move the single northbound lane over onto the new road. Road reconstruction will then commence on the canyon's western side. A single lane only will remain available for road users travelling from Pāpāmoa to Bayfair on SH2/TEL while this work is underway.
- Work continues on the Bayfair flyover bridge decks, ahead of the installation of permanent concrete barriers on the bridge early next year. More information about the barrier installation, and associated road closures, will be shared in early 2023.

- Pre-cast concrete stairs will be installed to form part of the Truman Lane walkway, giving passers-by a taste of the future walking and cycling connection currently under construction. Once the stairs are placed, work will continue on other elements including rails and the concrete ramp. The walkway is currently expected to open to the public in autumn 2023.

More information

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