

## We're getting close! Connecting the new Maungatapu underpass to Welcome Bay Road

**From mid-April we will be connecting the Maungatapu underpass project to Welcome Bay Road. This will mean lane diversions, speed restrictions, unsealed surfaces, and off peak and night works on Welcome Bay Road near Greenwood Park. Near Awanui Place there will be lane diversions in place, speed restrictions, night works and temporary pedestrian diversions.**

We will do as much work as we can during the April school holidays and at night to minimise the impact on traffic, however there will be some delays during the day due to the speed restrictions.

We know delays can be frustrating but we urge you to take care when travelling through these areas, and understand the responsibility you have to protect yourself, your passengers, as well as other road users and construction workers.

Resurfacing work of the SH29A Hairini and Maungatapu roundabouts is expected to take place in mid-May, while work to connect the underpass with Turret Road and Hairini Street is expected to start in late-May.

\* This work is weather dependent.

## Walk or cycle through the underpass at the community day

**A community open day is being planned for 27 May 2018 to give you a chance to walk or cycle through the new underpass before it opens to traffic. We'll have more information about the day, and park and ride options on our website, in community notices, and the media later this month. In the meantime, put the date in the diary.**



We think the underpass is looking pretty impressive. Come along to the community open day on 27 May and see it for yourself!

# Nga hapu tour of Maungatapu underpass

Local hapu are an important partner in the Maungatapu underpass project, and kuia and kaumatua of Ngai Te Ahi, Ngati He and Ngati Ruahine whanau, hapu and iwi saw first-hand the overall progress and development on a recent bus trip through the site.

In addition to going through the underpass, the bus trip was an opportunity to see and hear about the wetlands restoration for Te Pahou and the aspirations of nga hapu, the work that has been done on the Kaitemako culvert to enhance fish passage, the Tongaparaoa wetlands area near Ila Park, and the shared cycle way on SH29A from Poike Road.

Hapu Project Coordinator Rondell Reihana said the cultural significance and unique regard given to the whenua was fully embraced by all kuia and kaumatua on board.



Front seat view: from left Eva Tawa and Kamiria Farrell in the underpass. Ninety-nine-year-old Hariata Ririnui is in the seat behind.



Aerial view of the landscaping and wetlands area



Entering the underpass: from left Gladys Richardson, Hinerongo Walker and Hinewai Taingahue.

Once completed, the Maungatapu underpass will be a two-lane link underneath the Maungatapu roundabout, improving the traffic flow around the Maungatapu and Hairini roundabouts. It will separate state highway and local traffic, and make travel safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

## Keeping you informed

If you have any questions talk to the Transport Agency

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