



Rocks Road Highway Resurfacing

PROJECT UPDATE

13 February 2018

NZ Transport Agency staff and contractors have confirmed that the scale of the work needed to reinstate the footpath and seawall is not as extensive as originally thought after the February 1st storm and king tides.

Crews will therefore be able to start the road reconstruction work on Tuesday night (13 February). This start date is slightly later than originally programmed (work was planned to start on February 8th).

"We're going to be able to do the seawall repairs at the same time as the rest of the work which is great news," says Regional Transport system manager, Frank Porter. "We have established that we can repair the damaged seawall, footpath and also complete the originally planned road reconstruction work at the same time, rather than waiting until later in the year."

Crews will continue with the cliff face work which still has a couple of nights left to run. The current 30km/h temporary speed limit along Rocks Road (Magazine point to Basin Reserve) will remain in place until the project is finished, around the end of March.

How travellers are affected

Cyclists will be required to merge with traffic through the work site. Alternative pedestrian access around Magazine Point will be provided during the day, however, at night this may be limited due to the repair work. Crews on site will assist pedestrians safely through the work site when working. Temporary pedestrian access through the work site will be available when the work site is unattended.

Waimea Road is available for motorists and cyclists (using the cycle trail) as an alternative route between Tahunanui and Nelson city.

"While it has taken time to establish the full extent of the work needed to reinstate the footpath and seawall, we now have confidence that the repairs can happen in conjunction with the planned road reconstruction this summer, minimizing the long term disruption" says Mr Porter.

"While we can't control the weather, we will do our best to minimise the disruption to the community and business. We will be producing regular updates which will be posted on the project page on the NZTA website."

Work also continues to construct a new shared path in the port area at Haven Rd, between the Maitai River and Rocks Road.

"The improvements along Rocks Road will make the road and its surface safer for everyone – cyclists, motorists and pedestrians, so we ask for people's understanding while we cause some disruption this summer."



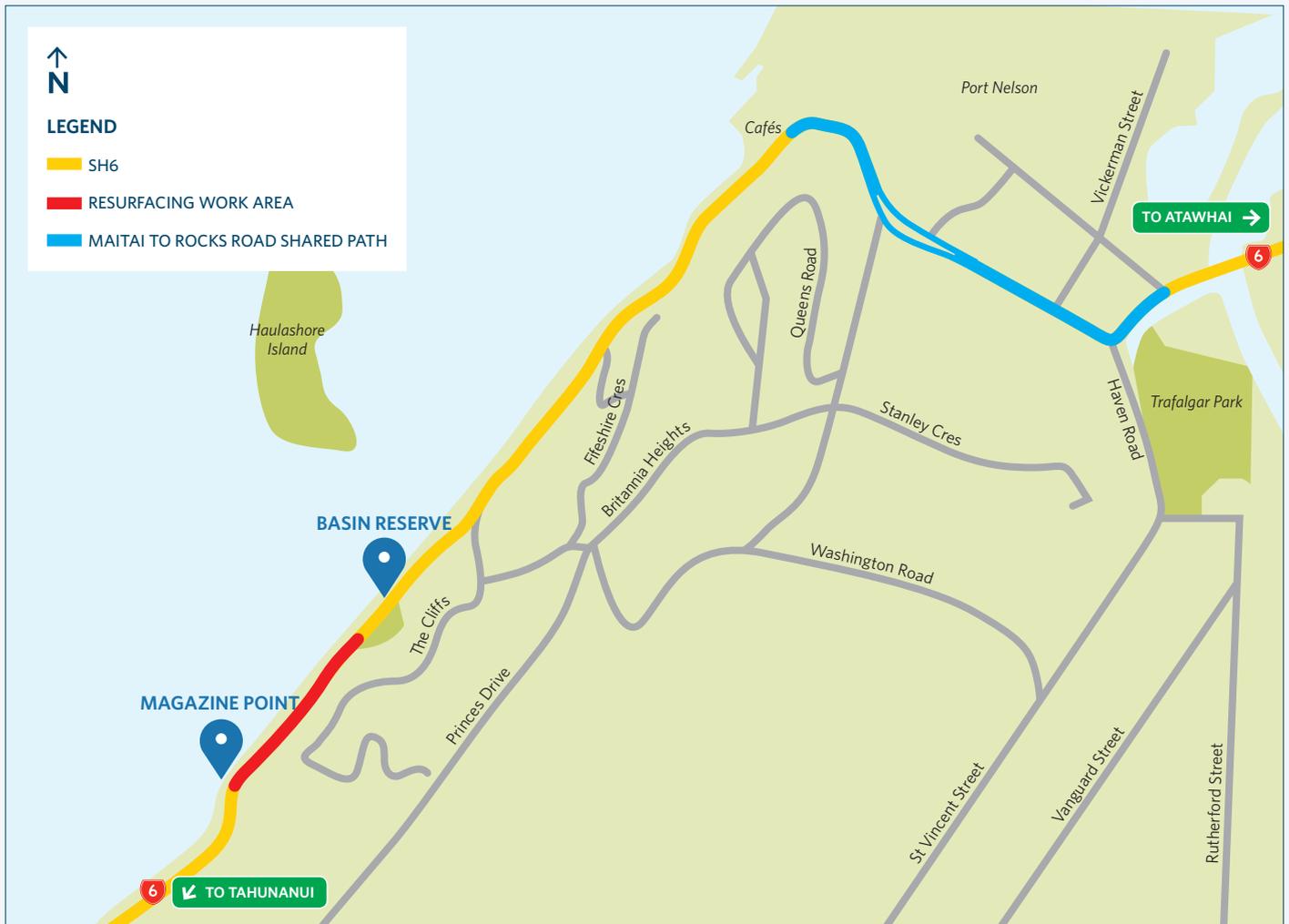
Plan your journeys

This work is likely to impact on traffic flows, although we will endeavour to avoid the busy peak commuter times. Please allow extra time for your journeys.

How neighbours are affected

We appreciate that roadworks at night can be inconvenient for neighbours. While we aim to do our work with as little disturbance as possible, we realise that machinery noise, access and speed restrictions can be a hassle. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this work.

Chip seal, bitumen and other road materials require time to fully settle after they are put in place, so please treat all new surfaces with extra care. Avoid excessive speed, sharp turns and heavy braking. All new roadworks are routinely monitored and, in some cases, workers may need to return to the site to sweep and repaint the road markings. For your safety, the safety of our road crews and to prevent damage to your vehicle, please drive carefully and follow the temporary speed limits.



Thank you from the Transport Agency

On behalf of the Transport Agency, thank you for your patience and understanding while we do this important work in your community.

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The work is being carried out on the Transport Agency's behalf by Tasman Journeys, a consortium of WSP/Opus and Fulton Hogan.



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