

TE AHU A TURANGA: MANAWATŪ TARARUA HIGHWAY

Thanks for coming along to this public information session.

We're delighted to share the latest on Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway and are happy to answer your questions.

Please take a few minutes to give us your written feedback - on the information session and/or the project in general - using the form provided. Alternatively, please send your feedback by email to teahuaturanga@nzta.govt.nz

Artists impression, indicative only

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK HAS CONTRIBUTED TO A NUMBER OF CHANGES TO THE PROJECT, INCLUDING:

The inclusion of a separate shared path, running alongside the highway, for walkers and cyclists.

The addition of slow vehicle lanes for three kilometres on the Ruahine Ranges, effectively making the highway four lanes for its entire 11.5 kilometre length.

Additional work to achieve the project's goal of 'treading lightly' through the environment and, where possible, leaving the landscape in a better state than before the project began.

HIGHWAY HIGHLIGHTS

We have now completed more than a third of ground investigations along the road alignment. This is important work to understand the properties of the soil and rock to determine the most appropriate methods for the cuts and fills needed to construct the highway.

After a great deal of work, we are ready to submit our resource consent application to Horizons Regional Council. To achieve the quickest turnaround, we will be asking for the application to be referred direct to the Environment Court.

We continue to work to resolve outstanding appeals to the Notice of Requirement for the transport corridor designation.

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Over the last six months the project's design team have completed the concept design and are working closely with the construction team to finalise the build programme.

The concept design and programme detail how the highway will be constructed, what areas we'll be working in and when, how the earthworks and bridges will be staged, and how we'll manage the environment around us.

DID YOU KNOW?

The project involves 40 major culverts ranging in size and length from 10m to 180m

Required earthworks exceed 5.5 million cubic metres

The project includes the construction of nine large stormwater treatment wetlands

The main types of soils over the project include mudstone, conglomerate and alluvium

The span of the new bridge over the Manawātū River will exceed 300m (see rendered image below)

There are currently 10 ecologists on the project completing stream and habitat assessments to support the upcoming resource consent application

Alongside our iwi partners, Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawātū Tararua Highway Alliance (comprising Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, Aurecon, Fulton Hogan, HEB Construction and WSP) is delighted to be delivering this important project.

Designation of the transport corridor and regional consenting are both required before construction can commence.



If you have any questions or require more information, call 0800 740 560 or email us: teahuatoranga@nzta.govt.nz

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