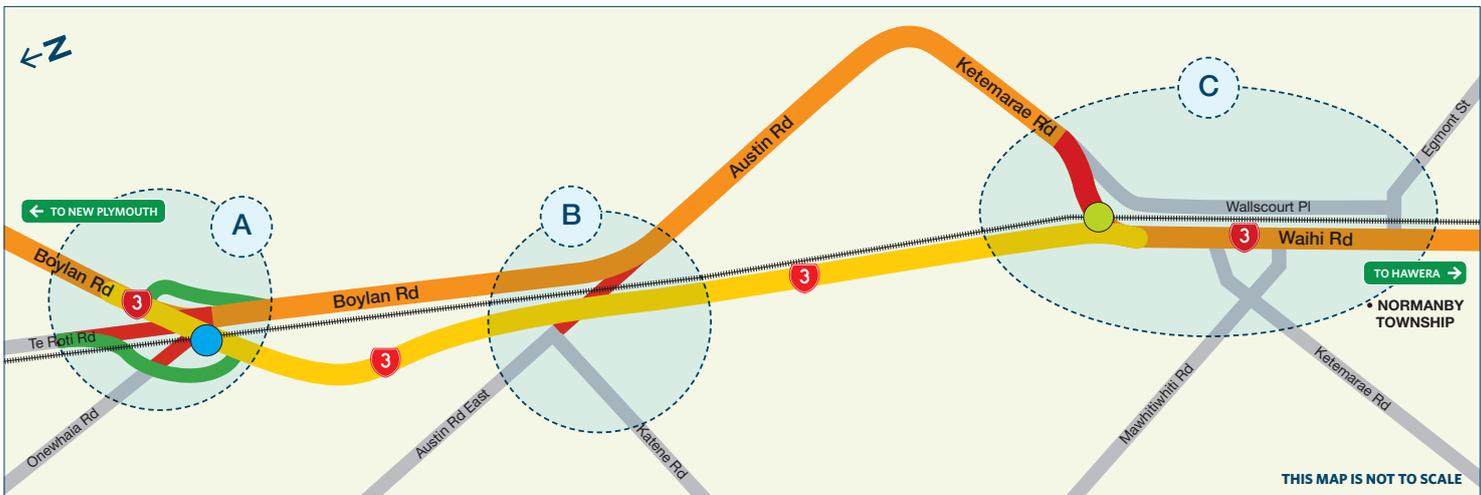


3 Normanby Realignment Project



Project update

Work has been progressing well constructing the new stretch of State Highway 3. We wanted to let you know what has been happening and what you can expect to see in the coming months.



What's been happening?

The new route is nearing completion with 3.3km of the 3.6km main highway finished. There are still some minor works required in a few areas.



First traffic over part of the new alignment, October 2016

LEGEND

- Old SH3
- New SH3
- Road to be closed
- New Railway Underpass
- New Local Road
- Railway
- Old Normanby Railway Overbridge
- A Te Roti / Onewhaia Roads
- B Katene / Austin Roads
- C Normanby Railway Overbridge

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Earthworks have been completed for Boylan Road and you'll notice that pavement works have commenced.



Boylan Road excavation and drainage, December 2016

Similarly, work is progressing well at the southern end of the site. The majority of earthworks are finished and work on the pavement is due to start.

Removal of the four span rail overpass is complete and the site has been cleared ready to start on the road's surface. Demolition works were carefully planned with KiwiRail and managed so that there were no disruptions to rail traffic. We started at 9pm on 28 October by protecting the rail track itself. By 9am the following morning all concrete, beams and piers were removed. A further 5.5hrs were required to remove the protection, make the site safe and return the track to full operation. The process went extremely smoothly.



Bridge demolition, October 2016

Archaeology

There was an archaeological discovery at the southern end of the project in October 2015. The exposed part of the site was found to contain at least a double line of palisades at the northern end, as well as four houses, six rua (kumara stores), and areas of burning (including one of the houses). The site was immediately covered to protect it until authorities, including Heritage New Zealand, were contacted. Since then geomagnetic surveys (which do not affect the ground) have been undertaken over a wider area. These surveys have shown that the fortification was located on the east side of a small stream valley, and extended further south and west. Part of it has been destroyed by the railway line. It is likely that this is one of four pa, collectively known as Ketemarae, which were attacked in 1866 by General Chute and a combined force of over 600 men with artillery.

Due to the importance of the site, Araukuuku hapū and the Transport Agency have decided to protect the site by burying it. To minimise damage to the site, the road has been re-designed to allow a protective sand blanket to be placed under the road. Furthermore, the road and works have not penetrated existing ground in this area to avoid any damage.



South end works (over Archaeological Discovery Site), July 2016

What's coming up?

Our programme of work continues with:

- pavement works at Boylan Road and the southern end of the site on Ketemarae Road where the old bridge embankment was
- drainage and tidy up works at the south end near the South Taranaki District Council reserve
- work with Araukuuku hapū to develop the car park and storyboards of the area (at the south end).

Contact us

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