

# Takitimu North Link

The Takitimu North Link project is a new 14km four-lane expressway connecting Tauranga and Ōmokoroa, with a shared path for walking and cycling.

It will improve safety, access and provide greater travel choice with provision for public transport, walking and cycling, for the area's growing population and thriving economy.

## What's happening now



The designation between Tauranga and Te Puna is confirmed, regional consents are granted, and the specimen design is complete.

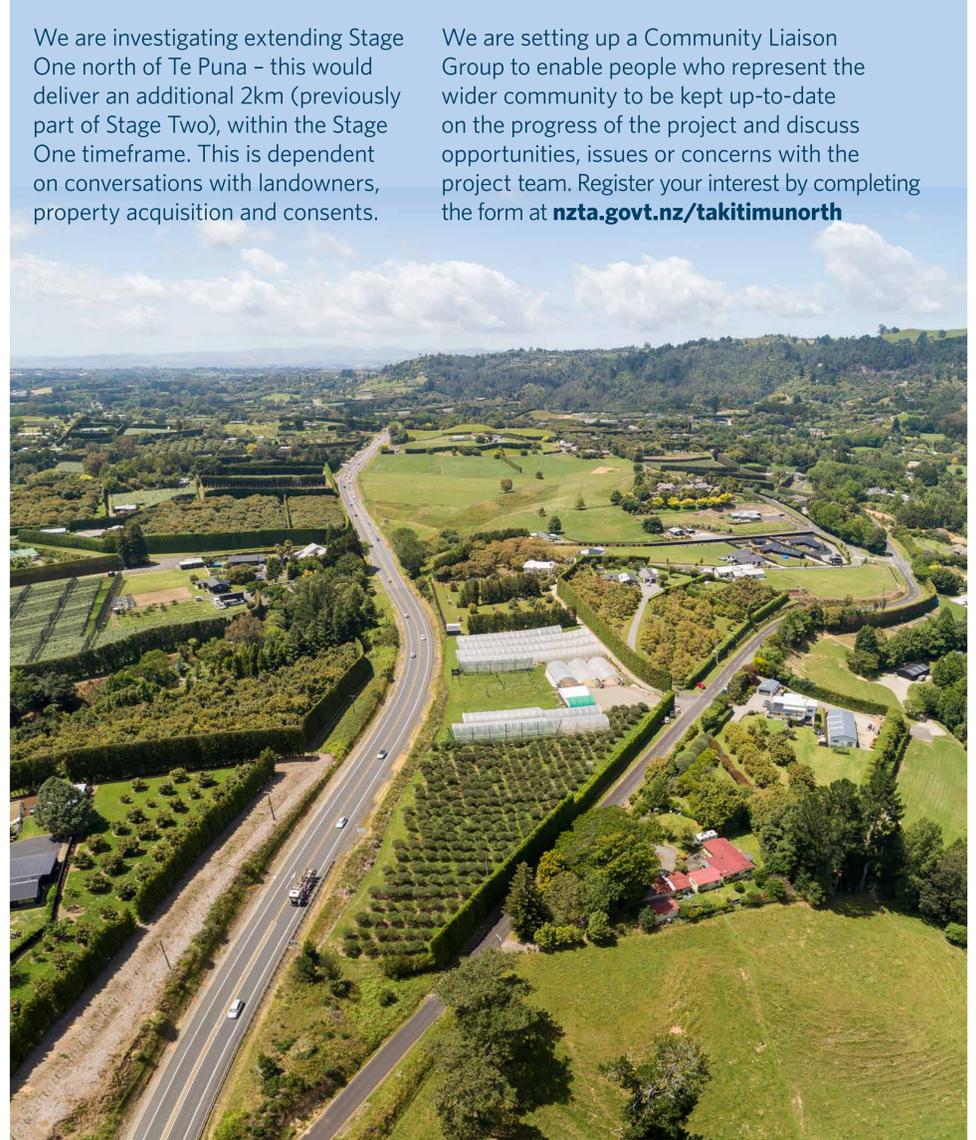
Preliminary site investigations including ecological, topographical, geotechnical and general surveys are nearing completion.



Some land is still required, property purchase is a complex and sensitive process, and we are in negotiations with landowners.

The tender process for Stage One is underway, and the design component of the contract due to be awarded mid-2021.

## STAGE ONE TAURANGA TO TE PUNA



We are investigating extending Stage One north of Te Puna - this would deliver an additional 2km (previously part of Stage Two), within the Stage One timeframe. This is dependent on conversations with landowners, property acquisition and consents.

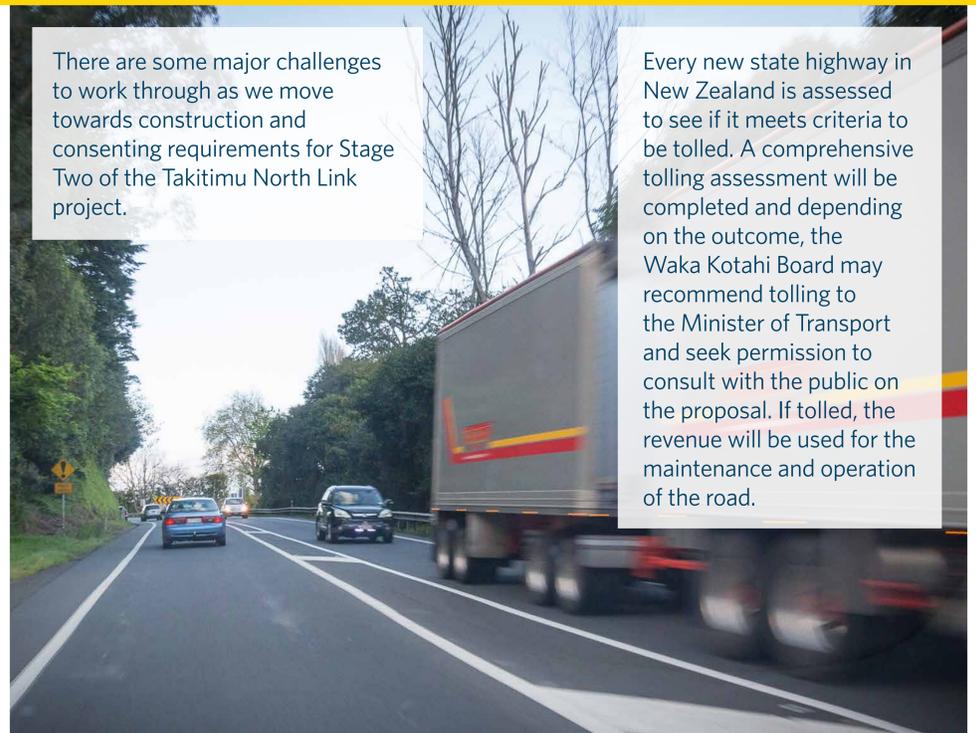
We are setting up a Community Liaison Group to enable people who represent the wider community to be kept up-to-date on the progress of the project and discuss opportunities, issues or concerns with the project team. Register your interest by completing the form at [nzta.govt.nz/takitimunorth](https://nzta.govt.nz/takitimunorth)



A considerable amount of land is required before construction can get underway. We are currently engaging with landowners.

A team of ecologists, archaeologists, geotech engineers and surveyors are carrying out site investigations as we continue planning for the new expressway. This work will continue for several months during 2021.

## STAGE TWO TE PUNA TO ŌMOKOROA



There are some major challenges to work through as we move towards construction and consenting requirements for Stage Two of the Takitimu North Link project.

Every new state highway in New Zealand is assessed to see if it meets criteria to be tolled. A comprehensive tolling assessment will be completed and depending on the outcome, the Waka Kotahi Board may recommend tolling to the Minister of Transport and seek permission to consult with the public on the proposal. If tolled, the revenue will be used for the maintenance and operation of the road.