

2 Contractor's newsletter

Fulton Hogan/HEB Joint Venture

This is the first edition of this newsletter. We look forward to providing you with regular updates.



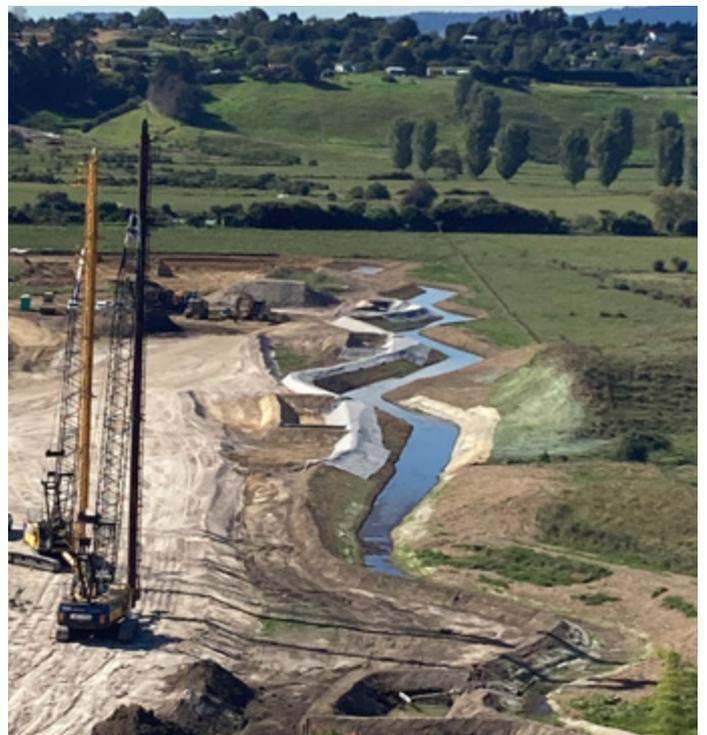
Aerial photo looking towards Bethlehem (taken April 2022).

Building a road is more than just big machinery and bitumen – there is a much bigger picture – especially at the scale of the Takitimu North Link project.

Since the beginning of 2022, the team has been busy setting up environmental controls (including archaeology investigations), and in this first edition of our newsletter, we're sharing what's been happening.

Some of the environmental controls have involved the following:

- Installed four sediment retention ponds (SRP) – designed to capture and treat sediment laden water from the site and treat it prior to discharging into the environment. These can range in size but are typically targeted at large catchment areas.
- Constructed 18 decanting earth bunds (DEB) – as above but for smaller catchment areas.
- Installed 760 metres of silt fencing – also minimises any sediment from leaving the site, used in areas which are limited for space and may not be able to fit an SRP/DEB.
- Built a 522 metre swale drain (designed to take storm water from the road), and a 332 metre stream diversion.
- Relocated hundreds of indigenous eels.
- Rehomed 32 indigenous lizards (12 still to be relocated and more search and salvage to come).



The swale drain at Wairoa Valley is a series of farm drain diversions which were in the path of the new road. These have been de-fished and diverted into the newly constructed stream diversion.



Our environmental team - responsible for ensuring that we take care of the environment and leave it looking better than we found it. L-R Mark Stevenson, Daezharn Ormsby, Blayn Fenwick, Tom Watters, Stephanie Kirk, Absent: Thomas Courtney.



Sediment retention pond located next to Harrison Road can hold 540m₃.



One of the 32 indigenous copper skink lizards released into its new home at the maunga Mauao in March 2022.

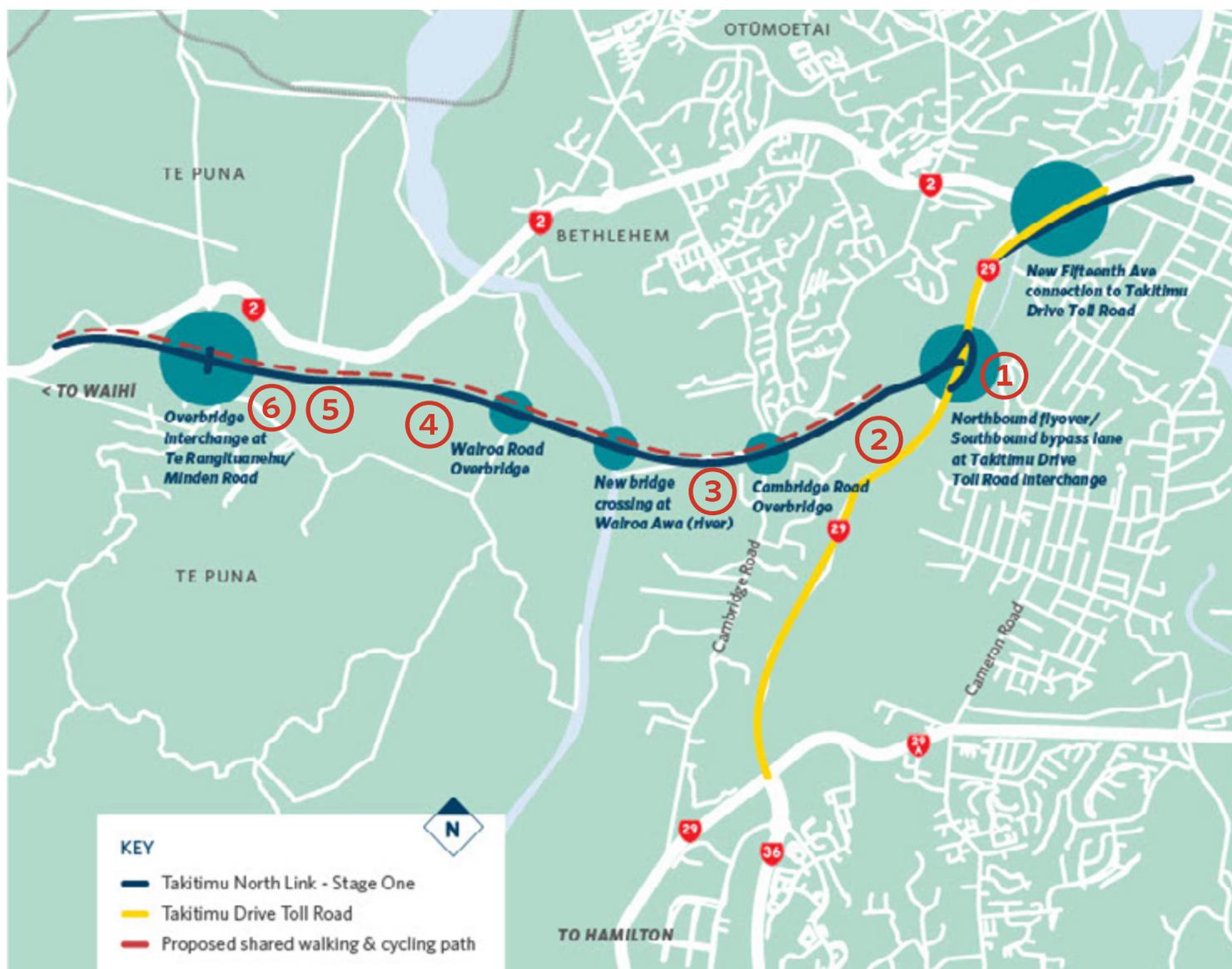


The team was delighted the lizards bred while in captivity and had baby lizards, known as neonates.



A community drop-in information session for locals close to the Cambridge Road area of the project was held in January 2022. Details of our next opportunity to meet the team are listed on the back page.

Construction snapshot: what's happening on-site



1

Takitimu Drive Toll Road

- Reduced speed limit to 80km/h
- Services relocation works
- Kopurererua Valley pathway, visit nzta.govt.nz/takitimunorth for more details of the permanent closure to a section of this. Another section of the pathway on the eastern side will be temporarily closed for eight weeks from May 2022 while services are installed (detour signposted)

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Smith's Farm/Richard Way

- Construction of the large fill
- Erosion controls continue
- Archaeology investigations on the Smith's Farm side

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Cambridge Road/Harrison Road

- Earthworks for the new Harrison Road
- Services relocations

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Wairoa Road and Valley

- Trucks carting materials down to the Wairoa Valley
- Wick drains being installed
- Wairoa Road diversion road now open
- Wairoa Road bridge construction starting mid-May
- Archaeology investigations continue
- Stop/go traffic management in place for trucks crossing Wairoa Road
- Wairoa River staging bridge, starting early June

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Te Mete Road Area

- Vegetation clearance

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Minden Road Area

- Services relocations
- Vegetation clearance

Takitimu North Link

You are invited

As neighbours to Stage One of the project, we would like to invite locals to meet our team for an update on what's happening, and to find out more about what's ahead during construction.

We'd love
to see you
there

When Saturday 28 May 2022, 11am-2pm
Where Bethlehem Hall, 239 State Highway 2
Bethlehem, Tauranga 3110



For more information

Read more and sign up for updates about the project at: nzta.govt.nz/takitimunorth
Contractors Fulton Hogan/HEB Joint Venture are designing and constructing the project, with BBO the principal's advisor. The design of Takitimu North Link is being delivered by Beca, with Holmes Consultancy Limited Partnership as a subconsultant.

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