

Takitimu North Link

What's happening now

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

Main construction is now underway and contractors, Fulton Hogan and HEB Joint Venture, have been busy on site between Cambridge Road and Wairoa Valley setting up the site.



Aerial photo taken April 2022, looking over Smith's Farm area, with Cambridge Road on the left of image



Aerial photo taken April 2022, looking towards Wairoa Road, and onward to Te Puna. Wairoa Awa (river) is in the foreground. Work starts on the Wairoa Awa staging bridge early June.



Transport Minister Michael Wood and Labour MP Angie Warren-Clark visited the site in February 2022. Chairman of Ngāti Pango hapū, Henare Mason, and Wayne Beilby (Ngāti Pango) welcomed the manuhiri to the whenua.



Mokomoko (indigenous lizards) from the eastern section of the project have been relocated to their new permanent home at Mauao – giving them a chance to flourish in a new environment. This special moment was captured on video, visit nzta.govt.nz/takitimunorth



Ngā Hapū o Te Paerangi and Pirirākau hapū representatives have supported the project to develop a Cultural Mitigation Plan and Protocols which are a critical part of the contract and obligations for the construction of the road. Members visited the construction site April 2022.



To successfully deliver the programme we want to build strong relationships with neighbours, key partners and stakeholders– Drop-in information event at Belvedere Reserve, Bethlehem, January 2022.



The team rolled up their sleeves and harvested 260kg of avocados before orchards were cleared, and delivered to Good Neighbour which collects food and redistributes to local community organisations for use. Around 100kg was donated each week throughout the summer months. Ka pai te mahi!



A team of archaeologists and Kaitiaki (cultural monitors - Ngā Hapū o Te Paerangi, Pirirākau) have been working on the project's site investigation mahi. Archaeology informs us about the day to day lives of past people – contributing to the unique story of Aotearoa New Zealand.



A diversion road has been completed and opened at Wairoa Road, ahead of construction starting mid-May for the Wairoa Road Overbridge.