



Waitaki Bridges Replacement Project

NEWS UPDATE

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The concrete deck for the new No 2 Bridge.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW WAITAKI BRIDGES ON STATE HIGHWAY 82 REACHES A MAJOR MILESTONE WITH THE OPENING ON 4 APRIL 2014 OF THE NO. 2 BRIDGE ON THE KUROW SIDE OF THE RIVER.

The Bridge will be officially opened by MP Jacqui Dean at 11.30 and all from the community are welcome to join us on this historic occasion.

Bridge 2 is the smaller of the two new double-lane bridges that replace the two existing 132-year-old, single-lane timber structures. This \$20.1 million project that started in April 2013 is part of the Transport Agency's \$1 billion programme of investment in Canterbury's transport network from 2012 to 2015.

The opening of the No. 2 Bridge marks a key milestone for this project. Initially, the Bridge will be kept to single lane traffic until early May 2014. This is so the nearby old bridge can be safely dismantled and removed with temporary traffic management in place to ensure the safety of all road users.

Two sections of the old bridge 1 are being retained and permanently displayed on the Kurow Island. Remaining material from the old bridges has been gifted to the Waitaki and Waimate district councils and the Department of Conservation to utilise / or distribute onwards to worthy historic and community projects.

THE NEW BRIDGES WILL:

- protect a critical transport link between Kurow and Hakataramea Valley
- secure a key regional tourism and freight route along State highway 82 between Kurow and Waimate
- carry larger and heavier freight vehicles, enabling more freight to be moved on fewer trucks
- gives the Hakataramea community reliable road access to essential services and employment in Kurow
- provide separated cycle and pedestrian access

Everything is on track with building the longer No 1 Bridge on the Hakataramea side of the river that is scheduled to open in the final quarter of 2014. One of the most visible signs of work on this bridge for several months now is a 250m long temporary work platform. This has been used by cranes and other heavy equipment needed to drive the bridge piles and complete the piers that support the new bridge. Most of this work is now finished. Between now and May 2014 pre-cast panels for the new bridge are being placed. Once that's completed work gets underway on concreting the new deck.

Construction timetable: April - June 2014

BRIDGE 1 (HAKATARAMEA)

- Work on the last bridge pier finished in March 2014
- Installation of structural steel is scheduled for completion in April 2014
- Precast bridge panel placement is underway and should be completed by early May 2014.

BRIDGE 2 (KUROW)

- Official Bridge opening will be on 4 April 2014.
- Only single lane traffic will be permitted on the bridge until the nearby old bridge is dismantled and removed.



The completed Kurow No. 2 Bridge looking from Kurow toward the river island.



Bridge No. 2 steel work for the deck - view from the island to Kurow.



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