

## Waikato & Bay of Plenty state highway works March 2025

Recently crews in the Waikato completed a road rebuild in the township of Ōhaupō, south of Hamilton. The work took 6 weeks to complete. This 520-metre-long structural asphalt road rebuild was extensive and complicated, digging down 450mm to remove the existing road surface and building it back up layer by layer to achieve a new smooth asphalt road surface which is amazing to drive on.

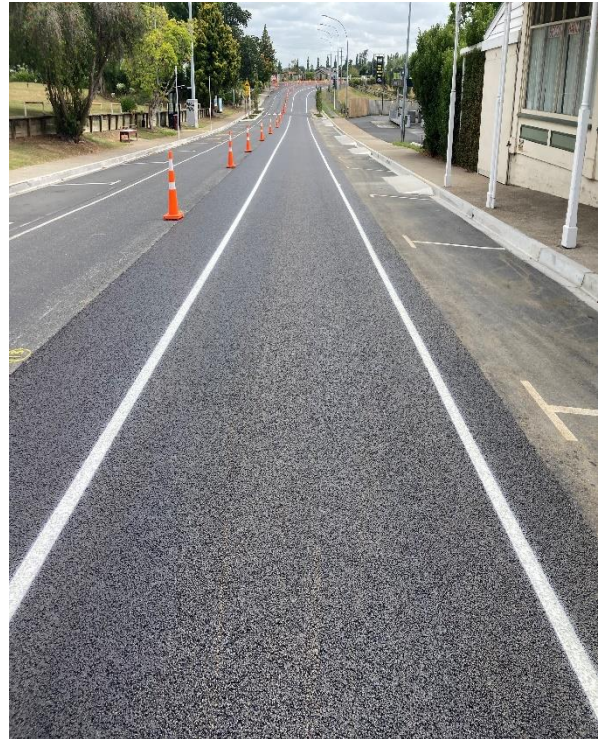
Rebuilds such as this one take weeks of meticulous planning and organising, ensuring not only the product is available, but also equipment and crews are rearing to go.

It was found that the underlying ground strength was very poor, so the new road was reconstructed using 4 layers of asphalt to build it back up to the original height. This work takes time and is checked regularly by pavement specialists as work progresses. Once the work is completed, the tick of approval is given, and the road environment can be returned to its normal state with all the traffic management removed and line marking reinstated.

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) would like to acknowledge how disruptive this work was for residents, shop owners and the general travelling public. NZTA thanks everyone for their patience over the past 6 weeks.



SH3 Ōhaupō during road rebuild



SH3 Ōhaupō after road rebuild

This work forms part of the government's \$2.07 billion investment into road and drainage renewal and maintenance across 2024-27 via the State Highway Pothole Prevention fund.

To plan ahead and see where disruptive works are, people can use the NZTA Journey Planner ([journeys.nzta.govt.nz](https://journeys.nzta.govt.nz)) This is kept up to date in real time so you can see all disruptive activity and potential hazards on the state highway network.

## **Bay of Plenty**

### **Tauranga**

- **SH2/Fifteenth Ave:** Major works to build the connection from Fifteenth Ave to SH29/Takitimu Drive Toll Road are in progress as part of the Takitimu North Link project. Works involve the building of a 120m long retaining wall and earthworks, this is well underway, and we are preparing to start the construction of the single lane bridge connecting SH2/Fifteenth Ave to SH29/Takitimu Drive Toll Road. Piling will start in March and take approximately 3 months, and construction of the bridge will take approximately 12 months to complete. One lane at SH2/Fifteenth Ave near Edgecumbe Road is closed while this work takes place, this is likely to remain in place until mid-2026. [More information.](#)
- **SH29 McLaren Falls Road:** Until Tuesday 11 March, temporary traffic management, lane shifts, and a closure of the Lower Kaimai passing lane is in place from Poripori Road until just after McLaren Falls Road. This is to enable drainage maintenance work to take place. There will be a reduced speed limit of 50km/h through the site, and 30km/h at the intersection with McLaren Falls Road to ensure the safety of the community and our team. 3 lanes will be open at the weekends.
- **SH29 Tauriko West between Redwood Lane and Cambridge Road:** Project construction is ongoing at multiple sites, with shoulder closures, temporary speed limits and mobile operations in place. From Sunday 2 March to Thursday 20 March (excluding Fridays and Saturdays) 8pm to 5am work will take place to install stormwater pipes on the SH29 shoulder between Belk Road and Ōmanawa Bridge consisting of stop/go and a 30km/h temporary speed limit for both directions on. On Thursday 6 March and Friday 7 March, during off-peak hours (9.30am to 4pm), a shoulder closure will be in place at the corner of SH29 and Takitimu Drive Toll Road for investigation works. On Saturday 8 March there will be a daytime shoulder closure on SH29 in the Tauriko Village area for power pole relocation works. From Monday 10 March, asphaltting works will take place during the day near Redwood Lane, resulting in increased traffic volumes. There will also be 2 night shifts with residents-only access to Redwood Lane. From Monday 10 to Wednesday 12 March, during off-peak hours (9.30am to 4pm), the slip lane from SH29 to Takitimu Drive Toll Road will be closed for construction of a site access point. Traffic will be able to join Takitimu Drive Toll Road from the roundabout. [More information](#)
- **SH29 Ōmanawa Bridge:** Overnight from Monday 3 March to Thursday 6 March, 6pm to 6am, a temporary 50km/h speed limit and lane shifts will be in place. This is to undertake further geo-tech investigations between the Ōmanawa Bridge and the Ōmanawa Road intersection.
- **SH29 Kaimai Range:** The Kaimai Range will be closed overnight from Sunday 2 to Thursday 6 March (4.30am) from 8pm to 4.30am to allow road resurfacing and maintenance to take place. The closure points on the western side of the Kaimai Range are at the SH29/SH24 and SH29/SH28 intersections and on the eastern side of the Kaimai Range at the SH29/Cambridge Road intersection. Detours are available for all vehicles southbound via Rotorua and northbound via SH2 Karangahake Gorge. Emergency services will have access at all times, residents can access their property from the relevant side of the closure.
- **SH29 Takitimu Drive Toll Road:** Ongoing works in this area for the Takitimu North Link project include the construction of a flyover bridge and southbound slip lane. A reduced speed limit of 70km/h remains in place while crews are working behind the barriers. Traffic is anticipated to be

diverted onto the flyover bridge and southbound slip lane in late 2025 while works continue.

[More information.](#)

- **SH29 and SH29 Takitimu Drive Toll Road:** Until 6am Friday 14 March crews are resurfacing parts of SH29 from Cambridge Road down the hill towards the SH29/SH29A/SH36 Roundabout, as well as the start of Takitimu Drive. During weekends crews will start a bit earlier at 6pm. This work also requires a 1 night full closure, from 7pm Monday 3 March to 6am Tuesday 4 March. Traffic heading towards Tauranga will be detoured via Cambridge Road.
- **SH2 Tauranga Harbour bridge ramps:** For 3 nights from Sunday 2 March the Mirrielees Road eastbound off-ramp will be closed to all traffic so maintenance can be undertaken on the expansion joints. The off-ramp will be closed between 8pm and 5am each night. There will be a detour for eastbound traffic heading to Mount Maunganui via Chapel Street Eastbound off-ramp and onto Marsh Street.
- **SH2 Baypark to Bayfair:** On Monday 3 March and Tuesday 4 March, the Bayfair flyover will be closed in both directions from approximately 8pm to 5am each night. For all vehicles, a signposted detour via Maunganui Road, Bayfair roundabout and SH2/SH29A Te Maunga Interchange will apply.
- **SH2 Tauranga Eastern Link Toll Road (TELTR):** The Tauranga City Council led project continues. A 2km section of SH2, just past the Kaituna River Bridge, continues to be reduced to a single lane in each direction allowing construction of the Pāpāmoa East Interchange to progress. This closure will remain in place for the duration of construction, with a temporary 70km/h speed limit in place. [More information.](#)
- **SH2 TELTR:** Construction of the Rangioru Business Park Interchange is now complete, the temporary 70km/h speed limit will be removed within the next week returning the speed limit to 110km/h. [More information](#)
- **SH2 near Pukehina:** Resurfacing work is underway between Rogers Road and Old Coach Road until Friday 14 March. There is a reduced speed limit in place along with stop/go traffic management from 6am to 6pm each day. Minor delays are to be expected.

### Western Bay of Plenty

- **SH2 Apata Station Road to Wainui South Road:** Road construction works are ongoing in preparation for the new roundabout. Lane shifts are in place along with speed restrictions. There will be intermittent stop/go traffic management in place which may cause longer delays. Follow the temporary signs and directions of the traffic management team and watch for layout changes. Expect minor delays.
- **SH2 Turners Road rebuild:** Following completion of the newly rebuilt southbound lanes, traffic will be shifted to allow construction of the northbound lanes. To manage this phase safely, the work will be done in stages. Road users should expect some layout changes as it is completed. Speed restrictions are in place.
- **SH2 Pahoia Road to Plummers Point Road:** Installation of services. Lane shifts are in place along with speed restrictions. There will be intermittent stop/go traffic management in place which may cause longer delays. Follow the temporary signs and directions of the traffic management team and watch for layout changes. Expect minor delays.

- SH2 Ōmokoroa Road:** Road construction and service relocation works are underway in preparation for the new roundabout. A major layout change will occur overnight on Thursday 6 March, meaning from Friday 7 March traffic travelling through the SH2 Ōmokoroa intersection will be using a new temporary roundabout.

From Sunday 9 March, major road construction will be underway north of the intersection. This work will be undertaken overnight under stop/go with a single lane operational. During the day 2 lanes will be provided with traffic travelling on a metal surface.

During the day there will be intermittent stop/go and temporary speed limit traffic management in place. Follow the temporary signs and directions of the traffic management team and watch for layout changes. Expect minor delays especially during peak times. [More information](#)
- SH2 Minden Road – Takitimu North Link Stage 1:** Shoulder closures and stop/go traffic management are in place as part of the Takitimu North Link project works. Please take direction from staff on the ground and slow down through the work site while works continue.
- SH2 Bethlehem:** SH2 city bound lanes at Bethlehem, between Te Paeroa Roundabout and Moffat Road Roundabout, will be closed overnight on Sunday 2 March, (with contingency days of Monday March 3 and Tuesday March 4) between 8pm and 6am, for maintenance works on 2 small patches. There will be a detour in place for all vehicles via Te Paeroa Road, Carmichael Road and Bethlehem Road.

## Rotorua

- The 11<sup>th</sup> edition of Crankworx Rotorua starts on Wednesday 5 March and continues until Sunday 9 March near the Skyline Gondolas on SH5. There may be more traffic in the area due to people attending the event during this time.
- SH30 Te Ngae Road-Wharenui Road, Rotorua:** Work is underway at the SH30 Te Ngae Road and Wharenui Road intersection. Wharenui Road is closed to through-traffic until May. Pedestrian/cycle access is retained. Wharenui Road can be reached via Coulter/Glenfield or Brent/Reeve roads. On SH30 Te Ngae Road traffic management including speed restrictions are in place. [More information](#)
- SH5 Rotorua:** Those travelling between Rotorua and Tīrau on SH5 will encounter 2 major road rebuilds and are advised to allow extra time when planning their journeys through this section of highway. The first is an approximate 2km stretch of SH5 just west of Oturoa Road Mamaku, with the second just east of Tapapa. Both are expected to be completed mid-March, and will have stop/go traffic management and temporary speed restrictions in place during this time [More information.](#)
- SH36 Te Pu:** A road rebuild has started on SH36, Te Pu north of Dudley Road and is expected to finish in early April. Works will take place from Monday to Friday between the hours of 7.30am and 5.30pm with prioritisation for peak morning and evening traffic flows, weather permitting. Expect delays while the work is taking place as there will be stop/go traffic management in place with a 30km/h speed limit.

## Eastern Bay of Plenty

- **SH2 Matatā:** From Friday 28 February for 4 days from 9am to 4pm, chipsealing will take place between Western Close and Manawahe Road in Matatā. There will be stop/go traffic management in place and a temporary speed limit that will remain in place when the work has finished to ensure the chipseal is embedded into the road surface. [More information](#)
- **SH2 Waimana Gorge:** From Monday 3 March to Friday 7 March between 10am and 6pm each day the Waimana Gorge will be closed to allow crews to undertake road resurfacing. Closing the Gorge means the work required can be done safely and efficiently. There will be a detour for light vehicles and trucks below HPMV status via White Pine Bush Road, Taneatua Road, Valley Road, right to Ōhope Road to Pōhutukawa Ave through to Wainui Road then left to SH2, this will add approximately 12 minutes to your journey. The detour is not suitable for HPMV vehicles. [More information](#)
- **SH2 Kutarere:** Service relocation works continue next week at the intersection of SH2 and Wainui Road near Kutarere west of Ōpōtiki. Shoulder closures will be in place and road users should be aware there may be 3-way stop/go traffic management operating at the intersection during this time.
- **SH35 Ōpape:** Underslip repairs have started and expected to finish in early April. The work will take place between 7am and 5pm Monday to Saturday. There will be stop/go traffic management and a temporary speed limit of 30km/h in place while work is underway. While the site is unattended there will be temporary speed limit of 50km/h in place.

## Waikato

### **SH1 Tīrau to Waiouru Accelerated Maintenance Programme:**

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- **SH1 between Tūrangi and Waiouru:** The northern section of SH1 between Tūrangi to Rangipō is open to traffic. Light vehicles can use SH1 to the SH1/SH46 intersection and access SH46 to connect to SH47. SH46 isn't HPMV approved - a permit is required. The official detour remains the same, via SH41, SH47, SH4, SH49 and back to SH1 in Waiouru (and vice versa). This adds around 30 – 40 minutes to journeys.

The newly rebuilt section is under traffic management (including a temporary speed limit) until the chip is adequately bedded in and the section can be swept and line marked.

The remainder of the maintenance work underway on the Desert Road is progressing well, expected to be completed mid-March.

The work on Mangatoetoenui Bridge is scheduled to be finished on 28 February and is now open to first responders, over dimension loads and anyone else that might need special access. DOC campsites and walks are closed.

There is a new temporary speed limit at the intersection of SH4 and SH47 at National Park, which is the detour while SH1 Desert Road is closed. The speed is reduced to 50km/h while this road is being used as a detour for SH1. We have also added warning signage, such as “Queues ahead” and “Major intersection ahead”.

At the request of the NZ Police, we are also putting in a temporary speed limit of 70km/h at the intersection of SH41 and SH47.

- **SH1 Putāruru to Lichfield:** SH1 will be closed from 5am Monday 3 March from SH1/Princes Street, Putāruru to Vosper Road/SH1 Lichfield intersection for approximately 4 weeks for road rebuilding from Domain Road to Pinedale Road. There will also be some night closures in early

April for the final surfacing of the road rebuilds completed last year between Vospers Road and Rollett Road. All north and south bound vehicles will be detoured 24/7. Detours:

Northbound: via Vospers Road, Kells Lane, Lichfield Road, Golf Street, Arapuni Street, Princes Street

Southbound via Princes Street, Arapuni Street, Grey Street, Lichfield Road, Vospers Road

Heavy vehicles - Northbound and Southbound via SH5 Rotorua

**SH1 Ātiamuri to Wairakei:** SH1 will be closed from 5am Monday 3 March for approximately 4 to 5 weeks to rebuild the southern end and finish the safety improvements and road rebuilding closer to Ātiamuri. The closure is from SH1/SH30 intersection to the SH1/SH5 intersection (Wairakei Roundabout). All north and southbound vehicles will be detoured 24/7.

All north and southbound vehicles will be detoured 24/7. The detour for light vehicles (i.e. all vehicles you can drive on a Class 1 licence) is via SH30, SH32 and Poihipi Road to Wairakei Drive and vice versa. This will add 30 minutes to your journey. Heavy vehicles detour - northbound and southbound via SH5 Rotorua which adds 43 minutes to the journey.

### East Waikato

- **SH25 Tairua:** Repairs to a large underslip at Pumpkin Hill near Sailors Grave Road, just north of Tairua, are underway. The road is reduced to a single lane as our contractors rebuild the road surface. Temporary traffic lights will be in place 24/7 to manage traffic flows through the site. [More information.](#)
- **SH25 Hikuai:** Work to replace a culvert at Boom Stream Bridge will begin in early March. This will involve shoulder closures and a temporary speed restriction, with occasional lane closures. This work is weather dependent and expected to take up to 6 weeks to complete.
- **SH25 between Coromandel township and Te Rerenga:** Our team will start work in early March to stabilise and remove material from a previous slip site. The road will be reduced to a single lane with stop/go traffic management and a temporary speed restriction in place. This work is weather dependent and expected to take 2 to 3 weeks to complete.
- **SH25 Thames:** From Wednesday 5 March to Friday 7 March work will take place on Albert Street in Thames from 8pm to 6am each night. There will be a full road closure of SH25 between Cochrane Street and Pollen Street with a detour via Cochrane Street and Pollen Street.
- **SH26 Onetai Stream Bridge Replacement:** Work is underway to replace the Onetai Stream Bridge, on SH26 between Puriri and Hikutaia. The road is closed to all traffic until early March while the old bridge is demolished and the new bridge deck installed. Northbound traffic will use SH2, Orchard and Bush roads and SH25. Southbound traffic will use SH25, Hauraki Road and SH2. There will be access to all businesses along SH26 throughout construction. [More Information](#)
- **SH27 Waharoa:** Resealing works on SH27 outside the Matamata Aero Club continue, with stage 1 having been completed, stage 2 is now underway. There is stop/go traffic management in place until Sunday 9 March.
- **SH29 Te Poi:** A road rebuild will begin in Te Poi between Te Poi Road and Stopford Road on Monday 10 March with completion due on Sunday 23 March. While the work is taking place the road will be closed to all traffic 24/7. Traffic (light vehicles) will be detoured via Te Poi Road and

SH24 or Te Poi South Road and SH28 adding around 5 minutes to journeys along SH29. Heavy vehicles will be detoured via SH27, SH24 and SH28 adding around 15 minutes. [More information](#)

### Central Waikato

- **SH5 Mamaku Ranges:** A road rebuild is underway, with stop/go traffic management in place between 6am to 6pm. The work will continue through to mid-March. 10 minute delays can be expected.
- **SH1/SH5 Taupō:** Drivers travelling near the Taupō Commercial Vehicle Safety Centre – under construction at the SH1/SH5 roundabout – need to be aware of changing road layouts and speed restrictions. Contractors are installing in-road weigh-in-motion scales and associated camera technology and signage boards until May. These are being installed on 5 of the roads heading towards the safety centre, including SH1 and SH5. Temporary lanes and speed restrictions will be in place.
- **SH5 North of Wairakei:** A road rebuild is underway on SH5 north of Wairakei, weekdays between 6am and 6pm. This work is expected to be finished on Friday 7 March. There is stop/go traffic management in place with a reduced speed limit 24/7. Delays are to be expected.
- **SH5 Waimakariri Road:** Work will begin shortly to create a right turn bay southbound into Waimakariri Road on SH5 in South Waikato. The work and new seal will be done from Tuesday 4 March to Tuesday 28 March. There will be stop/go and speed restrictions in place while the work is ongoing. [More information](#)
- **SH32 Whakamaru to Kuratau:** From Tuesday 4 March for 3 days resurfacing will take place on SH32, just south of Whakamaru, just south of Tihoi and just north of Kuratau. While this resurfacing takes place there will be stop/go traffic management in place with temporary speed limits.

### West Waikato

- **SH1C Cobham Drive, Hamilton:** For 6 nights from Sunday 9 March resurfacing work will take place near Grey Street and Galloway Street roundabout from 8pm to 5am. There will be a road closure in place between Cobham Drive and Wairere Drive with a detour for light vehicles via Cobham Drive, Anzac Parade, Grey Street, Clyde Street, Wairere Drive to rejoin SH1C. Heavy, HPMV's and over dimension will be stacked and released. The Galloway Street roundabout will be resurfaced the week commencing Sunday 16 March.
- **SH1/SH29 Piarere intersection:** The SH1, Hamilton approach is now open with a temporary lane shift to allow for completion of the centre median and hard landscaping. Night work is scheduled for Monday 3 March for work within the roundabout, with temporary traffic management to be in place. [More information.](#)
- **SH3 Carroll Street, Te Kūiti:** From the end of this week council contractors will be replacing a large watermain between Carroll Street and Duke Street in Te Kūiti, this is estimated to take around 5 weeks. Once completed a road rebuild will start and due to be completed in May. During work there will be a single lane closure on Carroll Street with northbound traffic detoured via Taupiri Street for light vehicles and Te Kumi Station Road, Esplanade and Te Kūiti Road for

trucks and heavy vehicles.

- **SH3 Rukuhia:** A road rebuild is underway, expected completion late March, on SH3 between Rukuhia Road and Narrows Road. The work will take place between 7am and 5pm each day. The work will be completed 1 lane at a time, the lane not being worked on will be open to northbound traffic at all times. A 24/7 southbound detour will be in place for light vehicles via Raynes Road, SH21 Airport Road to re-join SH3. Rukuhia Road will remain open at all times but will only be left in and left out. Residents travelling southbound will be required to use the detour route to travel north to access properties. Buses, heavy vehicles, HPMV's and over dimension vehicles will be stacked and released to align with the bus timetable. [More information](#)
- **SH30 Bennydale:** A second road rebuild site near Kiwi Place is underway, expecting to be complete by mid-March. Enabling works will be done first between 7am and 7pm each day with stop/go traffic management in place. Once the site has been prepared the road rebuild will start, with stop/go traffic management in place and a temporary speed limit of 30km/h. Delays of up to 20 minutes can be expected.

#### North Waikato

- **SH1 Pōkeno Interchange to Nikau Road:** There will be a full northbound closure on Tuesday 4 March between 9pm and 5am for maintenance. Please use the recommended detour via Great South Road, Pōkeno Road, Helenslee Road, Razorback Road and Nikau Road. SH1 northbound to SH2 eastbound link will be closed as part of this closure. Please travel along SH1 to turn around at Bombay Interchange and drive south to the SH1 southbound to SH2 link. SH2 westbound to SH1 northbound link will be closed as part of this closure. Please travel along SH1 to turn around at Mercer Interchange and drive north.
- **SH1 Pioneer Road to Pōkeno Interchange:** There will be a full northbound closure on Wednesday 5 March between 10pm and 5am for maintenance. Traffic will still be able to travel north using one of the southbound lanes. Please slow down and follow traffic management instructions. There will be no access to Pioneer Road to/from SH1. Motorists travelling from Pioneer Road to SH1 northbound will be detoured at Nikau Road to turn around and drive south using one of the southbound lanes. Please slow down and follow traffic management instructions.
- **SH1 Pōkeno Interchange to Mercer Interchange:** There will be a full southbound closure on Thursday 6 March between 10pm and 5am for maintenance. Traffic will still be able to travel south using one of the northbound lanes. Please slow down and follow traffic management instructions. Pōkeno southbound on-ramp will also be closed between 9pm and 5am. Please use alternative on-ramp at Nikau Road.
- **SH2 Okaeria Road to Steen Road:** Stop/go traffic management will be in place from Sunday 2 to Wednesday 5 March between 9pm and 5am for maintenance. Please slow down and follow traffic management instructions.
- **SH1/SH2 Link to Oleary Road:** On Wednesday 5 March between 9pm to 5am, SH1 southbound link to SH2 eastbound link will be closed for maintenance. Please follow SH1 south to Pōkeno



southbound off-ramp. You will be able to turn around and re-enter the motorway using Pōkeno northbound on-ramp. Head north on SH1 and use the SH1 northbound to SH2 link.

### **Tairāwhiti Gisborne/Hawke's Bay**

- **SH5 Napier to Taupō:** Recovery alliance Transport Rebuild East Coast (TREC) continues to progress safety improvements, as well as repair, recovery and maintenance activities at multiple sites on SH5 between Eskdale and Waipunga. [More information](#)

### **Taranaki**

- **SH3 Tongaporutu:** A road rebuild has begun between Pilot Road and Rapanui Road, taking 1 month to complete Monday to Saturday between 7am and 7pm each day with a finish date of Friday 7 March. While the work is taking place there will be stop/go traffic management in place with a 30km/h speed limit, delays of up to 10 minutes can be expected.

The above information is accurate at the time of release. Many of the above works are dependent on a number of factors, particularly weather, and may be postponed at short notice. For up-to-date information on road works, traffic, detours and delays, motorists are encouraged to visit the NZTA Journey Planner website ([journeys.nzta.govt.nz](http://journeys.nzta.govt.nz)).

NZTA thanks motorists for their patience while we complete this essential work to keep the state highway network safe, accessible and resilient.

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