

Waikato & Bay of Plenty state highway works March/April 2025

As the end of March signals the close of the traditional construction season, there's an opportunity to reflect on an epic summer of work.

"With most renewal activities wrapping up, contractors are on a final push to complete as much work as weather and time allows," says Sandra King, Bay of Plenty System Manager at NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA).

When crews started the hefty Waikato and Bay of Plenty resealing and rebuilding programme, 500 lane kilometres was the target, and we remain optimistic we'll be able to reach it.

"We've had stunning weather this summer - perfect conditions for the work that needed to be take place, which is great news for motorists. We need warm dry weather to get through it all – winter is too wet, and water has a significant impact on our roads.

"Everything we do now will help us keep the network safe and accessible over winter." says Ms King.

Road users are reminded to check the [NZTA Journey Planner](#) website for the latest road conditions across the state highway network.

Bay of Plenty

Tauranga

- **SH2/Fifteenth Ave:** Major works to build the connection from SH2/Fifteenth Ave to SH29/Takitimu Drive Toll Road are progressing as part of the Takitimu North Link project. Works are underway and include the building of a 120m long retaining wall and earthworks, and we're preparing to start the construction of the single lane bridge connecting SH2/Fifteenth Ave to SH29/Takitimu Drive Toll Road. Piling is underway and will take approximately 3 months, and construction of the bridge will take approximately 12 months to complete. One lane at SH2/Fifteenth Ave near Edgumbe Road is closed while this work takes place, this is likely to remain in place until mid-2026. [More information.](#)

From Monday 24 March, the on-ramp connecting SH29/Takitimu Drive Toll Road to SH2, heading up to Fifteenth Ave will be closed for 3 weeks. Works to extend 2 culverts, relocate services and complete earthworks before road widening to 2 lanes will be undertaken as part of the Takitimu North Link Stage 1 project. Between Monday 24 March and Sunday 13 April traffic will be detoured via SH2 to Elizabeth Street Roundabout, via Eleventh Ave and Cameron Road.

- **SH29 Valley View Road, Kaimai Range:** Until late May, temporary traffic management is in place which includes a closure of the passing lane at Valley View Road, lane shifts and a temporary 50km/h and 30km/h speed limit through the work site. This is to enable drainage maintenance and road resurfacing to take place. This work will be completed during the day and night and traffic management will remain 24/7. All lanes will be open over the weekends.
- **SH29 McLaren Falls Road:** Until mid-April, temporary traffic management is in place which includes lane shifts, and a closure of the Lower Kaimai Range passing lane is in place from Poripori Road until just after McLaren Falls Road. This is to enable road surfacing 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. Three lanes will be open at the weekends.
- **SH29 Tauriko, between Redwood Lane and Cambridge Road:** Tauriko Enabling Works project construction is ongoing at multiple sites, with shoulder closures, temporary speed limits and

mobile operations in place. At the Takitimu Drive Roundabout, the slip lane from SH29 to Takitimu Drive Toll Road remains closed until mid-April during off-peak hours, 9am - 4pm, while fill materials are carted into a future wetland area. Traffic can join Takitimu Drive Toll Road from the roundabout. From Monday 31 March, there will be shoulder closures in place for 2 weeks on the southbound lane of SH29 from 953 to Gargan Road for service investigations. On Saturday 5 April, between 8am and 4pm, there will be shoulder closures on both sides of SH29, through the Tauriko Village, for work on the overhead power lines. [More information](#)

- **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 the next year while works continue. The ramp between SH29 Takitimu Drive and Fifteenth Ave is closed until Sunday 13 April. The detour is in place via Takitimu Drive, Elizabeth Street and Cameron Road. [More information.](#)
- **SH2 Hewletts Road, Tauranga:** Resurfacing night works on Hewletts Road will continue into next week. On Monday 31 March and Tuesday 1 April during the day there will be a temporary speed limit of 50km/h between Waimarie and Maru Streets. Crews will return on Sunday 13 April for 4 nights between 7pm and 5am to complete the Golf Road roundabout resurfacing. During this work the road will be closed in both directions and a detour available in both directions via Newton Road, Hull Road, Tweed Street and Concord Ave. [More information.](#)
- **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.](#)

Western Bay of Plenty

- **SH2 Apata Station Road to Wainui South Road:** Road construction works are underway 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. Major road construction is 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 traveling on a metal surface. Other works will continue offline during the day. 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 especially during peak times. [More information](#)

- **SH2 Minden Road – Takitimu North Link Stage 1:** There is a temporary speed limit of 30km/h throughout the worksite area of Minden Road. Please take care travelling through and adhere to the speed limit.

Rotorua

- **SH30 Te Ngae Road-Wharenui Road:** Work is underway at the SH30 Te Ngae Road and Wharenui Road intersection with Wharenui Road closed to through-traffic from the intersection 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. A temporary pedestrian refuge is in place 250m south of the intersection. [More information](#)
- **SH30 Te Ngae Road-Iles Road to Ōwhata Road:** Final line-marking will be completed between Iles Road and Ōwhata Road, under lane closures and lane shifts. These works will take place when machinery is available, and weather allows. [More information](#)
- **SH30A Amohau Street, Rotorua:** Road resurfacing will start on SH30A between Ranolf Street and Pukuatua Street on Sunday March 30 until Friday 4 April between 8pm and 5am each night. While the work is taking place there will be a westbound closure on SH30A, with single lanes open in both directions for traffic on SH5 Old Taupō Road and stop/go traffic management in place. There may be an uneven road surface until the work has been completed.
- **SH36 Te Pu:** A road rebuild is underway on SH36, Te Pu north of Dudley Road and is expected to finish in early April. Works are underway Monday to Friday, between 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

- **SH35 Ōpape:** Underslip repairs are underway and expected to finish mid-April. Works are taking place Monday to Saturday, between 7am and 5pm, with stop/go traffic management and a temporary speed limit of 30km/h in place. While the site is unattended there will be temporary speed limit of 50km/h in place. [More information](#)
- **SH35 Te Kura O Tōrere:** Work will start on Monday 31 March near Te Kura O Tōrere east of Ōpōtiki on 2 slips. While these repairs are underway, this section of SH35 will be down to 1 lane for up to 6 months.

Waikato

SH1 Tīrau to Waiouru Accelerated Maintenance Programme:

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- **SH1 between Tūrangi and Waiouru:** SH1 between Tūrangi and Waiouru is open with no traffic management. We will be back next maintenance season to complete the final seal on this section.

SH1 Putāruru to Lichfield: SH1 is closed from SH1/Princes Street, Putāruru to Vosper Road/SH1 Lichfield intersection until early April for road rebuilding from Domain Road to Pinedale Road. All north and southbound vehicles are being detoured 24/7. The local detour for light vehicles (all vehicles you can drive on a regular car/Class 1 licence) is:

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. The detour adds approximately 16 minutes and 18.5km to journeys.

The detour for heavy vehicles is via SH30/SH5.

There is a temporary speed limit on the detour route at Putāruru of 70km/h and 30km/h speed limit past Lichfield School.

- **SH1 Ātiamuri to Wairakei:** SH1 is closed from the SH1/SH30 intersection to the SH1/SH5 intersection (Wairakei Roundabout) until early April for road rebuilding, maintenance and safety work. All north and southbound vehicles are being detoured 24/7. The detour for light vehicles (all vehicles you can drive on a regular car/Class 1 licence) is:
SH30, SH32 and Poihipi Road to Wairakei Drive and vice versa. The detour for light vehicle adds approximately 23 minutes and 32km to journeys.
All heavy vehicles traveling locally use SH5 via Rotorua which will add 43 minutes to the journey.

East Waikato

- **SH25 Hikuai:** Work to replace a culvert at Boom Stream Bridge is underway. Both lanes are now open, but at a reduced speed. This will involve shoulder closures and temporary speed restrictions, with occasional lane closures. This work is weather dependent and expected to take up to 6 weeks to complete.
- **SH25 Moana Anu Anu River Bridge, Whangamata:** Deck repairs to the SH25 Moana Anu Anu River Bridge will be carried out in the week beginning Monday 7 April. The bridge will be closed for approximately 24 hours from 8am on Tuesday 8 April, to allow for work that can only be done without traffic on the bridge, including replacement of deck planks. During this time a detour will be in place and clearly signposted. Traffic management with occasional short-term stop/stop closures will be required across the remainder of the week while further work is completed. This work is weather dependent, and if dates need to change, we will provide a further update.
- **SH29 Te Poi:** Work will continue in Te Poi for a further week between Te Poi Road and Stopford Road, now due for completion on Friday 4 April. While the road closure has finished from Friday 28 March there will be stop/go traffic management, shoulder closures and reduced speed limits in place. [More information](#)

Central Waikato

- **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.

West Waikato

- **SH1B Telephone Road, Hamilton:** Construction is ongoing on a range of improvements at the rail crossing on SH1B Telephone Road and the adjacent intersection with Holland Road and Marshmeadow Road. Work is expected to take 3 months to complete, there are several detours in place while the work is ongoing.
- **SH1C Cobham Drive, Hamilton:** For 2 nights from Monday 31 March contractors are returning to complete the resurfacing work 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. An alternative route is available via SH1 Waikato Expressway and/or SH3 Ōhaupō Road/SH21 Airport Road.
- **SH1 Ngāruawāhia:** While remedial and safety improvements were largely completed to get all lanes open by Christmas, some minor finishing and defects works are underway until 30 May. Work within the lanes is being done under lane closures between 8am-4pm Monday-Friday (3pm take down on Fridays) and at night between 6pm-6am Sunday-Thursday. Outside those hours all lanes are open to traffic with no speed restrictions.
- **SH1 Waikato Expressway - Cambridge section:** There will be north and south bound lane closures between Monday 31 March and Friday 4 April to allow contractors to reseal sections of the road prior to the onset of winter. There will be 4 worksites in total to be repaired – 2 northbound and 2 southbound. Following the work the lanes will be under temporary traffic management with a reduce speed limit in place. [More information](#)
- **SH1/SH29 Piarere intersection: SH1/SH29 Piarere intersection:** Work is continuing on the central median, hard landscaping and minor finishing works with lane diversions in place as required. On Sunday 30 March there will be 1 night of works for line marking, with temporary traffic management in place, including shoulder closures and lane deviations. More night works for line marking will occur in the coming weeks, with dates to be confirmed. Minor traffic delays are expected. NZTA asks drivers to stick to temporary speed limits and take extra care when travelling through the area. [More information](#)
- **SH3 Rukuhia:** A road rebuild is underway, expected completion early April, 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 always remain open 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](#)
- **SH3 Hangatiki:** Resurfacing will take place on SH3 near Mangarino Road for 1 night on Sunday 30 March between 8pm and 6am. The northern end of Mangarino Road will be closed to through traffic, access to Mangarino Road will be through Te Kūiti.

North Waikato

- **SH1 Island Block Road to Mercer interchange:** There will be a full northbound closure on Wednesday 2 April 10pm and 5am for maintenance. Traffic will still be able to travel north using one of the southbound lanes. Stop/go traffic management will be in place at the Mercer Interchange.
- **SH2 Irish Road to Mangatawhiri Road:** Stop/go traffic management will be in place between 9pm and 5am on Tuesday 1 April for maintenance. The Mangatawhiri eastbound off-ramp will be closed, motorists should continue on SH2 and detour via Rawiri Road.
- **SH2 Pinnacle Hill Road to Dobson Road:** Stop/go traffic management will be in place between 9pm and 5am on Wednesday 2 April for maintenance.
SH2 Rawiri Road/Golf Course Road to Coalfields Road: Stop/go traffic management will be in place between 9pm and 5am on Thursday 3 April for maintenance.
- **SH2 Okaeria Road to Steen Road:** Stop/go traffic management will be in place between 9pm and 5am on Sunday March 30 to Tuesday April 1 for maintenance.
- **SH2 Mangatawhiri Road to Rawiri Road/Golf Course Road:** There will be a full closure in both directions on Wednesday 2 April 10pm and 5am for maintenance. Koheroa Road westbound on-ramp, Koheroa road westbound on-ramp, Koheroa Road eastbound off-ramp and Golf Course Road eastbound off-ramp will be closed for maintenance. A detour will be available via Mangatawhiri Road and Rawiri Road.

Manuwatū -Whanganui

- **SH4 Ōtoko:** Retaining wall work to improve the road shoulder and improve drainage will begin on Monday 17 March taking 4 weeks to complete due for completion around mid-April. The worksite will be under 24/7 traffic management during construction, delays of 5-10 minutes are to be expected.

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 Mount Messenger:** 2 months of enabling works for Te Ara o Te Ata - Mt Messenger Bypass project started on Monday 17 March during the day between 6am to 6pm. There will be stop/go traffic management and a reduced speed limit in place Monday to Saturday each week.

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).

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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