

Waikato & Bay of Plenty state highway works April 2025

People travelling across the Waikato and Bay of Plenty for Easter and Anzac weekends are urged to drive to the conditions and plan ahead before leaving home, as many holiday makers will be making the most of an extended break and taking the chance to travel.

This year, Easter Monday, Anzac Day and school holidays all fall in the same week, which means it's likely to be extra busy on our roads, says NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi System Manager for the Waikato, Andy Oakley.

"Congestion and delays are inevitable during holiday periods, so we also want to remind everyone to be patient, drive to the conditions and keep to the speed limit.

If past years are anything to go by, traffic will be especially heavy on Thursday 17 April and Good Friday 18 April, and then on the return journey on both Sunday 20 and Monday 21 April.

"In the Bay of Plenty, motorists should be prepared for heavy traffic on State Highway 2 (SH2), between Paeroa and Waihi, Tauranga and Katikati and on State Highway 29 (SH29) over the Kaimai Range.

"In the Waikato, delays are predicted on State Highway 1 (SH1) between Tīrau and Karāpiro, SH2 from Pōkeno to Maramarua, and around Tairua on State Highway 25 (SH25).

Looking ahead to Anzac Day, road users should also allow extra time for their journeys, particularly on Anzac morning as there will be short-term restrictions and small detours in place near some townships.

Places to expect delays around the region:

Bay of Plenty

- SH29 - Kaimai (West of Tauranga)
- SH2 - Between Paeroa and Waihi
- SH2 - Between Tauranga and Katikati

Coromandel

- SH25A - South of Tairua

Waikato

- SH2 - Maramarua (East of SH1/SH2 Interchange)
- SH1 - Taupiri (North of Hamilton)
- SH1 - Karāpiro (South of Cambridge)

Plan ahead for a safer journey:

- Look for an alternative route, or consider leaving when traffic is lighter, either early in the morning or late at night.
- Predicted peak times can change based on incidents, weather and even driver behaviour, so remember to check real time traffic information on the NZTA Journey Planner website before you set off: journeys.nzta.govt.nz

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.](#)

The on-ramp connecting SH29/Takitimu Drive Toll Road to SH2, heading up to Fifteenth Ave, is currently closed until Sunday 13 April. This is to complete work before road widening to 2 lanes as part of the Takitimu North Link Stage 1 project. While the on-ramp is closed traffic is 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. Traffic management will remain 24/7. All lanes will be open over the weekends.
- **SH29 Tauriko, between Redwood Lane and Cambridge Road:** Construction is ongoing at multiple sites, with shoulder closures, temporary speed limits and mobile operations in place. On Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 April, between 6pm and 5am, there will be night works. This will include stop/go, a temporary 30km/h speed limit between Gargan Road and Belk Road for barrier removal. This is in preparation for the SH29 lane shifts on to the new Redwood Lane Roundabout later this month. On Wednesday 23 April, between 7pm and 6am, there will be night works including stop/go and a temporary 30km/h speed limit to remove some barriers on SH29 in Tauriko Village in preparation for the new Tauriko Village intersection opening later this month. [More information](#)
- **SH29 Takitimu Drive Toll Road:** The Takitimu Drive Toll Road will be closed on Sunday 13 April from 8pm to 5am, so crews can move barriers and remove the southbound passing lanes. There will be a detour via SH29, Cambridge Road and Moffat Road.
- **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 Golf Road Roundabout, Tauranga:** Nightworks to resurface the SH2/Golf Road Roundabout start from Sunday 13 April. For 4 nights, between 7pm and 5am, roundabout resurfacing will take place. During this time 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) Domain Road Interchange:** On the SH2 Domain Road flyover, 4 nights of repairs are scheduled addressing sections of uneven road. There will be a temporary speed limit of 70km/h in place for the duration of the work and while the site is unattended. [More Information.](#)

To complete the repairs both lanes of traffic will be closed at different times:

- **TELTR eastbound closure** (towards Paengaroa) - overnight Sunday 13 April between 6pm and 5am and overnight Monday 14 April between 8pm and 5am. Eastbound detour via

the Domain Road roundabout and back on to SH2 via the TELTR on-ramp.

- **TELTR westbound closure** (towards Tauranga) - overnight Tuesday 15 and overnight Wednesday 16 April, between 8pm and 5am. Westbound detour via the Domain Road off-ramp and roundabouts then back on to SH2. There will be a temporary speed limit of 70km/h in place for the duration of the work and while the site is unattended. [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.](#)
- **SH2 Tauranga Eastern Link Toll Road (TELTR) Cycle Path:** After a lengthy closure the cycle path between Kaituna Road and Te Tumu Road on alongside the TELTR will re-open prior to the Easter break. The cycle path has been closed during the construction of the Rangiuru Business Park.

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.
- **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:** While services are being installed lane shifts will be in place along with speed restrictions. Intermittent stop/go traffic management 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:** A temporary single lane roundabout is now operational. Road construction and service relocation works are underway in preparation for the new roundabout. 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-Wharenuī Road:** Work is underway at the SH30 Te Ngae Road and Wharenuī Road intersection with Wharenuī Road closed to through-traffic from the intersection until May. Pedestrian/cycle access is retained. Wharenuī 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](#)

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- **SH5 Rotorua:** From Sunday 13 April for 4 nights road resurfacing will take place on SH5 between Bidois Street and Russell Street between 7pm and 5am. There will be stop/go traffic management in place with a temporary speed limit.
- **SH36 Te Pu:** A road rebuild is underway on SH36, Te Pu north of Dudley Road, Monday to Friday, between 7.30am and 5.30pm. Expect delays as there is stop/go traffic management in place with a 30km/h speed limit. Peak morning and evening traffic flows will be prioritised. This work is weather dependent and expected to be completed before the Easter break.

Eastern Bay of Plenty

- **SH2 Tāneatua** – Pekatahi Bridge will be closed for general maintenance works between Monday 14 April and Wednesday 16 April between 8.30am and 4.30 pm. The road will reopen under stop/go traffic management on Thursday 17 April, weather dependent. [More information.](#)
- **SH35 Ōpape:** Underslip repairs are underway and expected to finish in early May. 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 a temporary speed limit of 50km/h in place. [More information](#)
- **SH35 Tōrere:** Work is due to start 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 Waouru Accelerated Maintenance Programme:

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- **SH1 Putāruru to Lichfield:** A 900m section of new chip seal on SH1 near Pinedale Road, Lichfield has a 30km/h temporary speed limit. This will be removed once final sweeping and line marking is completed next week.

East Waikato

- **SH25 Hikuai:** Work to replace a culvert at Boom Stream Bridge is underway. Shoulder closures and temporary speed restrictions are in place. Both lanes will usually be available but there may be some occasional lane closures. This work is weather dependent and due to be completed at the end of April.

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, associated camera technology and electronic sign 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.
- **SH4 Between Mananui and National Park:** Emergency work to repair a tomo will start on Monday 14 April. Due to the equipment required, the width of the road and the extent of the tomo SH4 will be closed between the intersections of SH4/SH41 and the intersection of SH41/7. Traffic will detour via SH41 and SH47 which adds approximately 50 minutes to travel time. The

work is expected to be complete before Easter.

West Waikato

- **SH1B Telephone Road, Hamilton:** Construction is ongoing on a range of improvements at the SH1B rail crossing on Telephone Road and the adjacent intersection with Holland Road and Marshmeadow Road. Road upgrade work is expected to be complete in the coming months, there are several detours in place while the work is ongoing.
- **SH1 Ngāruawāhia:** While remedial and safety improvements were largely completed to get all lanes open by Christmas, some minor finishing and defect works are underway until Friday 30 May. Work within the lanes is being done under lane closures between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday (2pm take down on Fridays) and at night between 6pm and 6am Sunday to Thursday. Outside those hours all lanes are open to traffic with no speed restrictions.
- **SH39 Koura Drive, Hamilton:** From Tuesday 15 April for 2 nights road resurfacing will take place on SH39 at the Koura Drive/Burbush Road roundabout. Work will begin at 8pm each night through to 5am. There will be stop/go traffic management in place on Koura Drive, and the intersection of SH39 Koura Drive and Burbush Road will be closed. There will be a detour available via Te Kowahi Road and Exelby Road.
- **SH1 Waikato Expressway - Cambridge section:** Crews returned to reseal the Cambridge section of the Waikato Expressway this week, focussing on an 8km north bound section of pavement repair between the Tamahere Interchange and the Victoria Road Interchange. This work was originally scheduled for the week of Monday 31 March but was disrupted by poor weather after completing 1 of 4 sites. Contractors plan to return to complete the remaining sections, including 1 north and 1 south bound lane site, this Monday 14 April to Wednesday 16 April (weather permitting), ahead of Easter. The works require 36-hour closure of the left lane in each section and motorists can expect delays of up to 20 minutes, and up to 30 minutes at peak travel times during this work. [More information.](#)
- **SH1/SH29 Piarere intersection:** Work is continuing at the new roundabout with landscaping and minor finishing works underway, including planting adjacent to the SH29, Tauranga approach. This will be followed by planting along the SH1, Tīrau and SH1, Hamilton approaches. Intermittent lane deviations and shoulder closures will be in place as required for this work. Night work (7pm to 6am) to lay the final line markings and rumble strips will continue this week from Sunday 13 April to Thursday 17 April. Temporary traffic management including shoulder closures and lane deviations will be in place, and minor traffic delays are expected. NZTA thanks motorists for their patience and asks drivers to stick to the temporary speed limit of 60km/h on all approaches to the roundabout and take extra care when travelling through the area. [More information](#)
- **SH3 Ōhaupō Road, Te Awamutu:** Contractors will be installing new water mains to upgrade the fire protection system on Ōhaupō Road near Benson Road, between Monday 14 April and Thursday 17 April. Between 1am and 3am there will be 2 15-minute periods of stop/stop traffic management, there will also be a temporary speed limit in place.

- **SH3 Ōtorohanga:** Resurfacing work will take place for 2 nights from Monday 14 April on SH3 Maniapoto Street, between Clarke Street and Pine Street, from 8pm to 6am. The intersection at SH39/SH3 will be closed to through-traffic while the work is underway, including stop/go traffic management and a reduced speed limit in place. A detour is available via Tuhoro Street and Lawrence Street.

North Waikato

- **SH2 Maramarua:** Stop/go traffic management will be in place on Monday 14 April between 9pm and 5am for general maintenance between Rawiri Road and Maxwell Road.
- **SH2 Maramarua:** Stop/go traffic management will be in place from Sunday 13 April to Tuesday 15 April between 9pm and 5am for general maintenance between Heaven Road and McWatt Road.
- **SH2 between Steen Road and SH25 Roundabout:** There will be lane restrictions in both directions on Tuesday 15 April between 9pm and 5am. Traffic management will be in place throughout the worksite.

Manawatū -Whanganui

- **SH4 Ōtoko:** Retaining wall work to improve the road shoulder and improve drainage is due for completion on Monday 14 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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