

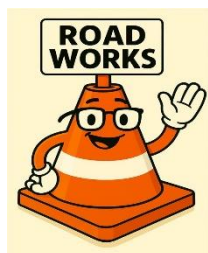
# Waikato & Bay of Plenty State Highway Works June 2025

Pekatahi Bridge maintenance, on State Highway 2 near Tāneatua, will begin on Monday 30 June to coincide with the school holidays, when school buses are not operating.

The bridge will close daily from 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday 30 June to Friday 4 July for bridge surface plank replacement. It will close again from 8.30am to 4.30pm on Saturday 5 July for sealing work. If the weather is wet on Saturday, the contingency day is Monday 7 July. Sealing requires dry weather, so if Monday is also unsuitable, sealing may have to be undertaken under stop/stop traffic management at a later date.

We understand how important this route is for locals, freight and wider communities and we're focused on repairing the bridge. The design and funding for a completely new deck is underway.

Motorists are advised to plan ahead and stay updated on road conditions by visiting [Journey Planner](#).



Welcome to 'Simon Says' - a segment where NZTA's Bay of Plenty Journey Manager, Simon, shares helpful tips and suggestions for commuters.

Did you know? The traffic management crews you see on site aren't the ones who design the layout or choose the traffic calming devices in use - and they don't decide when or where roads are closed. Those decisions are made by qualified traffic management planners.

The crews on-the-ground are there to set up, monitor, and pack down signs and cones as per the approved plan. That's their job - and they do it to keep everyone safe. So next time you're feeling frustrated, remember they're someone's whānau, just doing their mahi. Skip the abuse and throw a mana-wave instead!

## **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 building a 120m long retaining wall and a 127m long single lane bridge. Piling is underway with 2 of the 9 piles required already completed. Piling will 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.](#)
- **SH36 Tauriko:** Tauranga City Council is upgrading a section of Taurikura Drive in Tauriko. The upgrade includes reconfiguring Taurikura Drive to include more lanes, building 2 new signalised intersections to improve traffic flow and safety, and new paths for walking and cycling with a new signalised mid-block crossing and expanded bus facilities. One of the signalised intersections will replace the existing roundabout at the main entrance of Tauranga Crossing. While this work is underway, on Taurikura Drive and at the SH36 roundabout, lanes have been changed and temporary traffic management is in place, with a reduced speed limit for the duration of the project. This upgrade is expected to take 12 months to complete. People are encouraged to be patient and drive carefully through the site. [More information.](#)

- **Tauriko Enabling Works – SH29/Redwood Lane:** The new roundabout at the intersection of SH29 and Redwood Lane is open under a temporary layout, with a 50km/h reduced speed limit in place. As part of ongoing construction in the area, temporary traffic management including shoulder closures, mobile operations and reduce speed limits are in place. Temporary safety barriers have also been installed on the southern side of SH29, between the roundabout and Belk Road. [More information.](#)
- **SH29/Tauriko Village:** As part of ongoing construction in the area, there are multiple work sites on the northern side of SH29 through Tauriko Village and on Cambridge Road. A reduced speed limit of 30km/h is in place during the day through the village for sheet piling works with 60km/h through the rest of the site. Mobile operations and safety barriers are in place. Night works are planned for Tuesday 8 July from 7pm to 6am for a concrete pour on Cambridge Road. Temporary traffic management will be in place, including a reduced speed limit of 30km/h and stop/go on Cambridge Road. [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. [More information.](#)
- **SH29A Maungatapu Bridge:** Crews have started maintenance on the Maungatapu Bridge, with all work taking place underneath the structure with no disruption to motorists, but workers will be visible between 7.30am and 4pm Monday to Friday. The work is expected to be completed by the end of September.
- **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:** 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 during the day, which may cause longer delays. Nightworks are also underway on this site with stop/go in place. Follow the temporary signs and directions of the traffic management team and watch for layout changes. Expect delays.
- **SH2 Esdaile Road/Pahoia Road intersection:** Road widening works are underway at this intersection, with speed restrictions and 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 delays.
- **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.
- **SH2 Ōmokoroa Road:** Road construction and service relocation works are underway in preparation for a new roundabout. The temporary single lane roundabout is operating at this intersection. Speed restrictions and intermittent stop/go traffic management is in place which may cause longer delays. Follow the temporary signs and directions of the traffic management team and watch for layout changes. Expect delays, especially during peak times.

- **SH2 Minden Road – Takitimu North Link Stage 1:** There is a temporary speed limit of 50km/h throughout the worksite area of Minden Road. Please take care travelling through and adhere to the speed limit.
- **SH2 between Te Puna and Athenree:** Winter surfacing maintenance on SH2 between Te Puna and Athenree will start on Sunday 6 July at night. The locations include Athenree near the rest area, near Wright Road, South of Apata and near Barrett Road. There will be stop/go traffic management in place along with temporary reduced speed limits where work is taking place. Minor delays are expected.

## Rotorua

- **SH30 Te Ngae Road-Wharenui Road:** Work continues at the SH30 Te Ngae Road and Wharenui Road intersection with Wharenui Road closed to through-traffic from the intersection. 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 a temporary speed of 30km/h. A temporary pedestrian refuge is in place 250m south of the intersection. [More information.](#)
- **SH5 Rotorua – Peka Industrial Park:** An upgrade to the Peka Industrial Park entrance is starting soon and taking up to 3 months to complete. The work will be completed in 3 stages and a temporary entrance available while the permanent entrance is being upgraded. While this work is underway traffic management, and a reduced speed limit will be in place.

## Eastern Bay of Plenty

- **SH2 Matatā:** Asphalt repairs are underway at various points between Ōtamarākau and Matatā on SH2. Work is taking place weekdays, between 7am and 5pm each day, and expected to take 2 weeks, weather dependent. While this work is underway there will be lane closures, stop/go traffic management and a temporary speed limit in place.
- **SH2 Pekatahi Bridge:** Scheduled quarterly maintenance of Pekatahi Bridge will taking place starting Monday 30 June. During this time the road will be closed with a detour in place. [More information.](#)
- **SH35 Tōrere:** Work is underway repairing 2 slips near Te Kura O Tōrere east of Ōpōtiki. While these repairs are underway, a section of SH35 will be down to one lane for up to 6 months. [More information.](#)
- **SH2/Wainui Road, Matekerepu, near Ōpōtiki:** Work continues in the construction of the roundabout at the intersection of SH2 and Wainui Road. Road users are asked to take care when travelling through the area and should expect traffic management such as shoulder closures, speed restrictions and, at times, stop/go while work is taking place. The roundabout is expected to take up to 12 months to complete.
- **SH2 Waioweka Gorge:** Emergency works in the Waioweka Gorge, near Ōpōnae are underway. The work is expected to take 6 weeks to complete. Stop/go traffic management and a temporary speed limit is in place.

## Waikato

### East Waikato

- **SH25 Kūaotunu:** Underslip repairs are underway and the state highway on Kūaotunu Hill is reduced to a single lane. While work is underway the road is expected to remain open with lane shifts, however some short-term closures may be needed. Traffic management and speed restrictions will be in place and people are asked to watch out for directions from the traffic management team. These works are expected to take 6 months to complete.
- **SH25A Kirikiri Stream Bridge:** Work to repair erosion damage beneath the bridge continues, there is a lane closure and stop/go traffic management in place during working hours. This work is due to be completed by

the end of June.

## Central Waikato

- **SH1/SH5 Taupō:** Drivers travelling near the Taupō Commercial Vehicle Safety Centre – under construction at the SH1/SH5 roundabout – need to watch for changing road layouts and speed restrictions. Contractors are installing in-road scales, associated camera technology and electronic sign boards. These are being installed on 5 of the roads heading towards the safety centre, including SH1 and SH5. Temporary lanes and speed restrictions are in place until late June. [More information](#)
- **SH1 Putāruru:** From Monday 7 July to Thursday 10 July and Monday 28 July between 7pm and 6am, the road will be closed at night on SH1 between Neal Street and Market Street in Putāruru. A detour for all traffic will be via Neal Street, Commerce Street, Market Street to rejoin SH1.
- **SH1 Ātiamuri:** On Thursday 3 July from 8pm to 6am flexible median barriers will be repaired near Ātiamuri. There will be stop/go traffic management in place with a reduced speed limit.

## West Waikato

- **SH1 Taupiri Interchange:** Guardrail repairs will take place on the southbound off and on-ramps on Sunday 29 June between 8pm and 5am. During the work the ramps will be closed to all traffic, southbound vehicles exiting at the southbound off-ramp will detour via the Huntly Interchange or continue south on the Ngāruawāhia Expressway to the Horotiu Interchange to return northbound to exit at the Taupiri Interchange. Vehicles wanting to access the sound bound on-ramp will take the following detours. Light vehicles can use SH1B Gordonton Road to Bankier Road, Horsham Downs Road, Lake Road to rejoin SH1 at the interchange or use Great South Road via Ngāruawāhia to re-join SH1 at the interchange. HPMV's, heavy and over-dimension vehicles will continue on SH1B to SH26 for Hamilton exits onto Cambridge to rejoin SH1.
- **SH1B Telephone Road, Hamilton:** Construction is now complete on a range of improvements at the SH1B rail crossing on Telephone Road and the adjacent intersection with Holland Road and Marshmeadow Road. Holland Road and Marshmeadow Road have reopened to traffic however the rail crossing will remain closed until KiwiRail have completed their signalling work. This is expected to be done in late July.
- **SH1 Cambridge Expressway:** Work south of Hautapu will wrap up next week, crews will then move to the northbound lanes between the Cambridge Road off-ramp and Thornton Road. Work will take place during the day from Monday 30 June to Friday 10 July between 6am and 8pm. All ramps will remain open during the work with a 50km/h temporary speed limit in place for the duration. Resurfacing on the Cambridge section of the Waikato Expressway will continue until the end of July.
- **SH1/SH29 Piarere intersection:** With the bulk of the work on the new SH1/29 roundabout in Piarere now complete, the temporary traffic management, including the reduced speed limit of 60km/h, will be lifted on Monday 30 June. People will continue to see activity over the next few weeks, including landscaping, which will require intermittent shoulder closures on the southbound lane of the SH1, Hamilton leg and the eastbound lane of the SH29, Tauranga leg. Final road surfacing works are also anticipated in July, likely to be carried out at night, with details to be confirmed closer to the time. The project is on track to be completed in August. [More information](#).

## North Waikato

- **SH1 Nikau Road to Bombay Interchange:** There will be a full northbound closure on Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 July between 9pm and 5am. Traffic will still be able to travel north using one of the

southbound lanes.

- **SH1 Mercer Interchange:** The northbound off-ramp will be closed along with northbound lane restrictions on SH1 on Sunday 29 June and Thursday 3 July between 9pm and 5am. Please use alternative off-ramp at Pokeno.
- **SH2:** The following road closures will take place on SH2 North Waikato in the next week.
  - Between Steen Road and SH25 roundabout on Sunday 29 June between 9pm and 5am.
  - Between Pendergrast Road and Mangatāwhiri Road on Monday 30 June between 9pm and 5am.
  - Between Monument Road and Dimmock Road on Sunday 29 and Monday 30 June between 9pm and 5am.
  - Irish Road intersection on Thursday 3 July between 9pm and 5am.
  - Between McPherson Road and Pinnacle Hill Road on Thursday 3 July between 9pm and 5am.
  - Between Baird Road and Irish Road on Thursday 3 July between 9pm and 5am.

### **Manawatū -Whanganui**

- **SH4 Otoko:** Until Friday 4 July, daytime road closures will take place on SH4, between Upokongaro and Raetihi. The road will be closed from 6.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday. During worktimes, there will be managed access for the local community, including residents and schools, and emergency services only. All other road users will be detoured onto SH49 and SH1 during work hours. Outside of hours, the road is open, including on Saturdays and Sundays. [More information.](#)

### **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.](#)

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](https://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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