

Waikato & Bay of Plenty state highway works April 2025

With the Easter holidays upon us and severe weather arriving just prior to the break, NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) is advising road users in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty, to be prepared and take extra care on the roads.

Here are some simple things drivers can do to help keep everyone safe on the roads:

- Check your vehicle is safe to drive - check your tyres, wipers, lights and indicators, and ensure you have a valid Warrant of Fitness before you leave.
- Drive to the conditions - whether it's the weather, the road you're on, the time of day or the volume of traffic on the roads.
- Keep a safe following distance from vehicles in front so you can stop safely and share the driving if possible.
- If you are towing a caravan or boat, ensure its roadworthiness before you set off. Stack heavy items toward the front to balance the load and remember the speed limit is 90k/h for towing vehicles. Pull over frequently and let queues pass when safe to do so.

Simon Sinclair, NZTA Journey Manager for the Bay of Plenty, says the number of cars on the region's state highways always peak at the start and end of holiday weekends.

"Any time there's peak traffic, there is also congestion. With that can come frustration and sometimes aggravation for road users – so please be patient."

NZTA contractors are out clearing critical drainage areas on the network and have crews on standby to manage any issues as the weather takes hold.

Road users should be aware that there may be some areas of the network where traffic management or temporary speed limits are in place. There will be traffic management in place on State Highway 25 at the Pepe Steam Bridge at Tairua over both Easter and Anzac weekends, to help keep traffic moving over the holiday period.

"Please adhere to temporary speed limits and follow the directions of traffic management in work zones, even if you can't see active work underway. It is there for your protection, the protection of workers and other motorists. This is especially important in poor weather," Mr Sinclair says.

The **NZTA holiday journey planner** has all the details on when highways are expected to be busy. Check it out and use it to plan your trip.

[Easter and Anzac holiday weekends 2025 | NZTA Journey Planner](#)

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.](#)

- **SH29 Tauriko Enabling Works:** Construction is ongoing at multiple sites in Tauriko West SH29/Redwood Lane area. There will be night works including stop/go traffic management and a temporary speed limit of 30km/h between Gargan Road and Belk Road on **Tuesday 22 April** (6pm to 5am) for barrier removal in preparation for shifting traffic onto the new Redwood Lane roundabout later this month. Night works will continue on **Sunday 27 April** for 5 nights (7pm to 5am) with stop/go, shoulder closures, rolling blocks, and a temporary speed limit of 30km/h for resurfacing between Gargan Road and Belk Road. Overnight on **Wednesday 30 April**, the team will be line marking and preparing the new road, with the new roundabout expected to be in use on the morning of **Thursday 1 May**.

SH29 Tauriko Village: Overnight on **Wednesday 23 April** and again on **Monday 28 April** (6pm to 5am) there will be a stop/go and temporary speed limit of 30km/h to relocate the safety barriers through Tauriko Village in preparation for a new intersection opening on **Tuesday 29 April**. From **Tuesday 29 April** there will be a stop/go and temporary speed limit of 30km/h for night works to install safety barriers along the northern side of SH29 in the Tauriko Village, this work is expected to take **5 nights** and will continue into the following week. [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.](#)
- **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 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 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:** A rugby league tournament is taking place at Puketawhero Park, Te Ngae Road on SH30 in Rotorua on Friday 25, Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 of April from 8.30am to 4.30pm each day. People should be aware there will be more traffic and pedestrian in the area.

Eastern Bay of Plenty

- **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 on Monday 28 April 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.
- **SH2 Manawahē:** KiwiRail will be working to upgrade a rail crossing at Manawahē Road, near Matatā taking 3 days to complete from Tuesday 29 April.

Waikato

SH1 Tīrau to Waiouru maintenance: SH1 Tīrau to Waiouru (T2W) has completed its road maintenance and rebuilding season and all sections of SH1 worked on by the project are now fully open. T2W will be returning next road maintenance season to complete final surfacing in the areas worked on this season. They will also be completing maintenance and road rebuilding between Taupō and Tūrangi, and in the Tīrau and Tokoroa townships. The programme for next season is still being developed and the project will be speaking to communities, businesses and freight as soon as possible. Thanks for your patience while this important work has been done. [You can view a video library of this seasons works here.](#)

East Waikato

- **Anzac Day Parades:** Anzac Parades will take place around the Waikato on Friday 25 April.

Paeroa – between 7.30am and 11am between Wharf Street and the War Memorial Hall on SH2, temporary speed limits will be in place.

Waihī - between 9.30am and 12pm between Haszard Street and the Waihī RSA on SH2, temporary speed limits will be in place.

Te Aroha – between 4.30am and 1pm between Boundary Street and Lawrence Street on SH26, temporary speed limits will be in place.

Matamata – between 5.30am to 7.30am SH24 will be closed between Miro Street and Arawa Street, temporary speed limits will be in place.

- **SH25 Kūaotunu:** Work begins after Anzac weekend to repair an underslip that has reduced a section of highway on Kūaotunu Hill to a single lane. The highway is expected to remain open, but with lane shifts for the majority of these works, 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 our friendly traffic management team. These works are expected to take 6 months to complete.
- **SH25A Kirikiri Stream Bridge No.1, Kōpū:** Traffic will be reduced to a single lane between 7am, and 6pm on weekdays from Monday 28 April until the end of May to allow for erosion repairs beneath the bridge. Traffic management and a temporary speed restriction will be in place.

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. [More information](#).

West Waikato

- **Anzac Parades:** Anzac Parades will take place around the Waikato on Friday 25 April.
- **Ōtorohanga** - between 4am and 1pm SH3 will be closed between Huiputea Drive and Te Kanawa Street, temporary speed limits will be in place.
- **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.
- **SH1/SH29 Piarere intersection:** Work is continuing on the new roundabout with landscaping and minor finishing works underway, including planting adjacent to the roundabout approaches. Intermittent lane deviations and shoulder closures will be in place as required for this work. 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](#)

North Waikato

- **SH2 between Dimmock Road and Heaven Road:** There will be lane restrictions in both directions on Monday 21 April between 12am and 5am and on Tuesday 22 April between 9am and 5am. Traffic management will be in place throughout the work site.
- **SH2 between Steen Road and SH25 Roundabout:** There will be lane restrictions in both directions on Tuesday 22 April between 9pm and 5am. Traffic management will be in place throughout the worksite.
- **SH2 between O’Leary Road to Bairds Road:** There will be lane restrictions in both directions on Wednesday 23 April between 9pm and 5am. Traffic will be able to travel in both directions at all times.

Manawatū -Whanganui

- **SH4 Raetihi:** Test pit works are underway on SH4, between the intersections of Queen Street and Alexandra Road. Stop/go traffic management and a 30km/h speed limit is in place 6am – 6pm from Monday 28 April to Friday 2 May, with 5-minute delays expected.
- **SH57 Levin:** SH57/Tararua Road roundabout construction underway. Tararua Road west is closed, and a detour is in place. There is a 30km/h temporary speed limit on SH57 near the site, and at times there will be stop/go traffic management to allow for works to be completed. There will be no construction work over the Easter weekend and Anzac Day, however the detour and a 50km/h temporary speed limit will remain in place through the site.

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:** 3 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.

Note: There won’t be a regional traffic bulletin next week.

Plan ahead for a safe, enjoyable journey. Keep up to date with:

- Traffic updates: journeys.nzta.govt.nz/traffic

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/nztawbop>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/nztawbop>
- Journey planner: journeys.nzta.govt.nz
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