

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

The Coromandel Recovery Programme is nearing completion with work expected to get underway at the final few sites over the next 3 to 4 months. Next week, repairs to the largest and most complex site will start at Kūaotunu Hill on State Highway 25 (SH25).

“The Kūaotunu Hill underslip has meant the road has been reduced to a single lane and we know the disruption this causes. We’re committed to delivering these works with the least impact on road users,” says Andy Oakley System Manager Waikato.

“This is a particularly complex site, and repairs will take around 6 months to complete. Most of the work will be done while maintaining the single lane of traffic, but there may be times where the road needs to be fully closed. The community will be updated on progress and provided advanced warning should any closures be necessary.

“We thank the community for their patience while we worked through the design and we’re pleased to get this essential repair work underway,” says Mr Oakley.

Work is also underway at the Kirikiri Stream on State Highway 25A where we’re repairing erosion damage beneath the bridge. On the other side of the peninsula, work is expected to start in late May repairing an underslip on SH25 at Manaia Hill once a contractor has been appointed.



*Recently stabilised underslip at Pumpkin Hill near Tairua*

### **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 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.](#)

- **Tauriko Enabling Works – SH29/Redwood Lane:** Construction is ongoing at multiple sites in Tauriko West. Night works are planned from Sunday 4 to Thursday 8 May between 7pm to 5am. Traffic management will be in place such as stop/go, shoulder closures and rolling blocks. There will be a temporary 30km/h speed limit for both the resurfacing works between Gargan Road and Belk Road and works to open the new roundabout at Redwood Lane. Remedial works are required on SH29, between Belk Road and Gargan Road, and will be completed one day during the resurfacing works. This work is weather dependent and if delayed by weather will be carried out in the following week. Delays are expected. [More information](#)
- **Tauriko Enabling Works – SH29/Tauriko Village:** Overnight on Friday 2 May and Saturday 3 May, between 7pm and 5am, stop/go and a temporary 30km/h speed limit will be in place for line marking through Tauriko Village. This is in preparation for opening a new intersection, with access to the new Tauriko School car park, on Monday 5 May. This work is weather dependent, and if delayed will be carried out on the next suitable shift. Overnight on Sunday 4 May, Monday 5 May and then Wednesday 7 May, 7pm to 5am, there will be a stop/go and temporary 30km/h speed limit for night works to continue line marking, and installation of safety barriers along the northern side of SH29 in the Tauriko Village. This work is expected to take 3 nights [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.](#)
- **SH29 Slip Lane to Takitimu Drive Toll Road:** Asphalt resurfacing nightworks on the slip lane begin on Monday 5 May for one night. Access to Takitimu Drive Toll Road is available via the SH29/36 roundabout.
- **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) Domain Road Interchange:** On the SH2 Domain Road flyover, one further night of repairs is scheduled on Sunday 4 May to address the remaining sections of uneven road on west bound lanes towards Tauranga. 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.](#)

## 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 Esdaile/Pahoia intersection:** Road widening works are underway at this intersection. Shoulder closures are in place with speed restrictions. Follow the temporary signs and directions of the traffic management team.
- **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:** Road construction and service relocation works are underway in preparation for the new roundabout. A temporary single lane roundabout is now operational at this intersection. 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
- **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.
- **SH29 McLaren Falls –** Drainage work will begin at night near McLaren Falls Road on Thursday 8 May. Stop/go traffic management will be in place during this time.

## Rotorua

- **SH30 Te Ngae Road-Wharenui Road:** Work continues at the SH30 Te Ngae Road and Wharenui Road intersection. Wharenui Road is 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 speed restrictions are in place. A temporary pedestrian refuge is in place 250m south of the intersection. [More information](#)
- **SH5 Rotorua –** The Red Stag Rotorua Marathon will be taking place on Saturday 3 May from 8am to 1.30pm. This event will affect SH5, SH36, SH33 and SH30 as various closures take place. Road users are advised to avoid 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 soon 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

### East Waikato

- **SH25 Kūaotunu:** Work begins on 12 May to repair an underslip that has reduced a section of highway on Kūaotunu Hill to a single lane. The road 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 the traffic management team. These works are expected to take 6 months to complete.
- **SH25A Kirikiri Stream Bridge No.1, Kōpū:** Work to repair erosion damage beneath the bridge continues next week.
- **SH2 Karangahake Gorge** – Works will begin cleaning of the existing culvert near Crown Hill Road. Works will be for 2 days beginning on Tuesday 6 May, weather permitting.

### 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 mid-June. 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](#).
- **SH5 Waimakariri Road:** Work has resumed to create a right-turn bay southbound into Waimakariri Road on SH5 in South Waikato. There will be traffic management and speed restrictions in place until mid-May. [More information](#).

### West Waikato

- **SH1 Cambridge Expressway – reseal work** – for 5 nights from 8pm to 5am starting Sunday 4 May, crews will recommence resealing [which started in late March](#) and has been delayed due to recent weather, and paused to avoid works over public holidays (Easter and ANZAC). We'll be working between the southern end of the Expressway from the Tīrau Road Interchange through to Hickey Road. Stop/go traffic management will be in place north and southbound during the night works.

The southbound on-ramp at the Tirau Road Interchange will be closed while we are working on the southbound lanes. The northbound off-ramp at the Tirau Road Interchange will be closed when we are working on the northbound lanes. Vehicles will be detoured via Victoria Road Interchange. Weather dependent. Temporary speed limits will be in place during the day.

- **SH1 Cambridge Expressway – pavement pit works** Geotechnical investigations are coming up on SH1 for the Cambridge to Piarere Expressway project. Work is expected to get underway during the week starting Monday 12 May for 6 nights between 9pm and 6am, finishing on Saturday 17 May (weather dependent). There will be a number of sites on SH1 between the Tirau Road Interchange and Fergusson Gully Road. As this work is being done in the middle of SH1 there will be temporary traffic management in place, which will cause minor delays.
- **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 continues 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 on both sides of the median on all approaches as required for this work. Line marking is planned for the SH1, Hamilton approach overnight (7pm – 5am) starting Sunday 4 May. This work will require lane/shoulder closures, but no delays are expected. This work is weather dependent and will be carried out on the next suitable shift if delayed by weather. NZTA thanks motorists for their patience and asks drivers to stick to the temporary speed limit of 60km/h and take extra care when travelling through the area. [More information](#)

#### North Waikato

- **SH1 Hampton Downs to Dragway Road:** There will be a full northbound closure from Monday 5 to Wednesday 7 May between 9pm and 5am. Traffic will still be able to travel north using one of the southbound lanes. Stop/go traffic management will be onsite to assist motorists at the Hampton Downs Interchange and residents at Dragway Road northbound off-ramp. Please slow down and follow traffic management instructions.
- **SH1 Hampton Downs to Island Block Road:** There will be a full northbound closure on Thursday 8 May between 9pm and 5am. Traffic will still be able to travel north using one of the southbound lanes. Please slow down and follow traffic management instructions.

- **SH2 between Monument Road and Dimmock Road:** On Monday 5 May between 9pm and 5am stop/go traffic management will be in place throughout the worksite.
- **SH2 between Dimmock Road and Heaven Road:** On Tuesday 6 May between 9pm and 5am stop/go traffic management will be in place throughout the worksite.
- **SH2 between Baird Road and Irish Road:** On Wednesday 7 May between 9pm and 5am stop/go traffic management will be in place throughout the worksite.
- **SH2 between O’Leary Road to Baird 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**

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- **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.

#### **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.

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

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