

Waikato & Bay of Plenty state highway works May 2025

Two new Tauriko West intersections have opened as part of the State Highway 29 (SH29) Tauriko Enabling Works project. A new intersection in Tauriko Village opened with a temporary layout on Monday 5 May (near where the former service station was situated) providing access to a safer, new carpark for Tauriko School and Playcentre.

Meanwhile, motorists are travelling through a new roundabout at the intersection of SH29 and Redwood Lane, which opened on Wednesday 7 May, also under temporary layout.

Regional Manager Infrastructure Delivery Waikato/Bay of Plenty, Darryl Coalter, says the opening of these intersections is a step towards a better connected Tauriko West.

“We’ve just passed 1 year of construction on this project, and we’re thrilled with the progress that’s being made. These 2 intersections are integral pieces of the puzzle and will result in safer and more efficient ways to move around Tauriko once completed.”

“We’re also pleased to have handed over a new, safer car park for the school and Playcentre community.” Mr Coalter says the intersections are in temporary states to enable new work areas and allow the team to continue their hard work on the surrounding infrastructure, while facilitating traffic to continue flowing.

At Redwood Lane, the roundabout is in a temporary single-lane layout while work continues on widening SH29 on the eastern side, along with extending the pedestrian and cycle underpass beneath the road and completing the Kaweroa Drive extension of the roundabout. Once completed, the roundabout will have 2 lanes travelling in each direction.

[More information.](#)



Redwood Lane Roundabout – May 2025



Tauriko School new carpark

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 Edgumbe Road is closed while this work takes place, this is likely to remain in place until mid-2026. [More information.](#)

- **SH29 north of McLaren Falls Road:** A road rebuild will begin on Sunday May 11 taking 2 weeks to complete. Work will take place from Sunday to Friday between 7pm and 6am each night. While the work is taking place there will be a temporary speed limit in place.
- **Tauriko Enabling Works – SH29/Redwood Lane:** The new SH29/Redwood Lane roundabout is now open with a temporary layout and reduced speed limit of 30km/h while road users adjust to the new configuration. With forecasted wet weather, planned night works for resurfacing between Gargan Road and Belk Road may extend to include Friday 9 May and Sunday 11 May between 7pm and 5am. Traffic management will be in place, including stop/go, shoulder closures, rolling blocks and a temporary reduced speed limit of 30km/h. Delays are expected. [More information](#)
- **SH29 Tauriko Enabling Works – SH29/Tauriko Village:** The new intersection on SH29 in Tauriko Village, providing access to the new Tauriko School car park, is now open under a temporary layout. As part of ongoing construction in the area, temporary safety barriers are being installed along the northern side of SH29 through Tauriko Village, with traffic lanes temporarily shifted to the southern side of the 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.](#)
- **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 delays.
- **SH2 Esdaile/Pahoia intersection:** Road widening works are underway at this intersection. Shoulder closures are in place with speed restrictions. Nighttime lane closures will be in place this week at the Waipapa Bridge south of Esdaile Road. Stop/go traffic management will be in place and may cause longer delays. 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.
- **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.

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 – 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

- **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.
- **SH2/Wainui Road, Matekerepu, near Ōpōtiki:** Preparation for the new SH2/Wainui Road roundabout is underway. Most of the current work is happening in the paddock next to the state highway. 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.

Waikato

East Waikato

- **SH25 Kūaotunu:** Work begins Monday 12 May to repair an underslip that has reduced a section of highway on Kūaotunu Hill to a single lane. While this 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 No.1, Kōpū:** Work to repair erosion damage beneath the bridge continues next week.

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 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.
- **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 near Victoria Road Interchange, Cambridge:** From Sunday 11 May for 4 nights lighting contractors will be undertaking electricity cable fault repairs. The work will take place between 8pm and 5am each night. The northbound onramp from Victoria Road to SH1 Waikato Expressway will be closed while the repairs are taking place, a detour for light vehicles will be via Hamilton Road and Cambridge Road to access the northbound onramp at the Cambridge Road Interchange. Heavy, HPMV and over-dimension vehicles will be detoured via SH1B and SH26 or re-join SH1.
- **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 Tīrau 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.

- **SH1 Cambridge Expressway:** From Monday 12 May until the end of July crews will be asphaltting the slow northbound and southbound lanes of the Cambridge Expressway. Work will start on the southbound lanes next week, Monday to Friday, between 6am and 6pm. All ramps will remain open during the work with a 50km/h temporary speed limit in place for the duration.
- **SH1/SH29 Piarere intersection:** Work is continuing on the new roundabout and in the median, with landscaping and minor finishing works underway. This includes planting on both the SH1 Hamilton and SH29 Tauranga approaches with shoulder closures in place. 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

- **SH1 Hampton Downs to Island Block Road:** There will be a full northbound closure on Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 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 offramp.
- **SH1 Island Block Road to Hampton Downs:** There will be southbound lane restrictions from Tuesday 13 May to Thursday 15 May between 9pm and 5am. Traffic will still be able to travel south at all times.
- **State Highway 2:** Stop/go traffic management will be in place for the following closures. Please follow traffic management directions and stop when asked.
 - Between Kopuku Road and Coalfields Road on Sunday 11 May between 9pm and 5am.
 - Between Coalfields Road and Maramarua township from Sunday 11 to Thursday 15 May between 9pm and 5am
 - Between Pinnacle Hill Road and Dobson Road from Tuesday 13 to Thursday 15 May between 9pm and 5am.
 - Okaeria Road to Steen Road on Tuesday 13 May between 9pm and 5am.

Manawatū -Whanganui

- **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).

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