

Waikato & Bay of Plenty State Highway Works June 2025

Winter has arrived, bringing severe weather that has impacted roads across the Bay of Plenty and Waikato. Crews have been working hard to clear slips and fallen trees from state highways in the region, ensuring routes remain open and safe for travel.

The winter maintenance programme continues next week, with 4 overnight closures on State Highway 29 (SH29) Kaimai Range from Sunday 15 to Thursday 19 June, between 8pm and 3.30am each night.

Drainage remains a key focus during the wet winter months, as crews work to ensure culverts and drains across the state highway network can handle increased rainfall. Other routine maintenance taking place within the closures on the Waikato side includes sign maintenance, road marking and surface repairs.

The full Kaimai Range closure also provides an ideal opportunity to remove a shipping container lodged in a slip several weeks ago and repair fencing at the same location.

"We try to complete as much work as possible while the Kaimai Range is closed," says Andy Oakley, NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) System Manager for the Waikato.

"SH29 is a vital freight route linking the Port of Tauranga to Waikato and Auckland, so keeping the road in top condition is a key priority," Andy adds.

On the Tauranga side, crews will carry out line marking, laying rumble strips and asphalt resurfacing near Tauriko.

The closure points are at the SH29/Cambridge Road intersection in the Bay of Plenty and at the SH28/29 intersection in the Waikato. [More information.](#)

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

The Matariki moratorium weekend starts at midday on Thursday 19 June and goes through until midnight on Sunday 22 June meaning most work is halted on state highways around the country to ensure smooth holiday journeys for the long weekend.



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

Drivers who fail to keep left when driving on multi-laned roads is one of the biggest frustrations for New Zealand motorists. 'Hogging' the right lane can have indirect safety impacts, including risky undertaking manoeuvres and tailgating. Not to mention it is illegal under the Land Transport Act (Road User) Rule 2004. Drivers are urged to be considerate, use your mirrors and use the right lane only when you are passing or preparing for exits or intersections. So, next time you're on the road, remember 'be the behaviour you want to see on the roads.'

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.](#)
- **SH29 Kaimai Range:** The Kaimai Range will be closed overnight, from 8pm to 3.30am, for 4 nights from Sunday 15 to Thursday 19 June for road repairs and general maintenance. The closure point on the western side of the Kaimai Range is at the SH29/SH24 and SH29/SH28 intersections and on the eastern side of the Kaimai Range at the SH29/Cambridge Road intersection. Detours are available for all vehicles southbound via Rotorua and northbound via SH2 Karangahake Gorge. Emergency services will have access at all times, residents can access their property from the relevant side of the closure. [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.](#)
- **SH36 between TECT Park and Oropi Gorge Road:** Next week contractors will continue road repairs at various locations on SH36 between TECT Park and Oropi Gorge Road. There will be stop/go traffic management in place. There will be minimal delays due to the size of the repairs.
- **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 along the southern side of SH29, between the roundabout and Belk Road. [More information.](#)
- **SH29/Tauriko Village:** As part of ongoing construction, there are multiple active work sites along the northern side of SH29 through Tauriko Village and on Cambridge Road. A temporary reduced speed limit of 30km/h is in place through the village for sheet piling works and 60km/h through the remaining site. Mobile operations and safety barriers are in place. Night works are planned for Sunday 15 June, 7pm to 6am, for pavement repairs in the village. Temporary traffic management will be in place, including a reduced speed limit of 30km/h and stop/go operation on SH29. [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 Takitimu Drive Toll Road Gantry:** Starting Monday night 16 June between 8pm and 5am, cameras on the Takitimu Drive Toll Road gantry will be replaced, along with minor maintenance work, taking up to 4 nights to complete. While this work is underway, the road will be closed in one direction at a time (for up to 2 nights) and traffic

detoured. While these closures are in place, all traffic will be a detoured via Cambridge Road. To complete the upgrades efficiently, work will begin on the southbound (towards Tauriko) direction, followed by the northbound (towards Tauranga) direction. [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 at 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 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 during the day which may cause longer delays. Night works 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. There will be intermittent stop/go traffic management in place which may cause longer delays due to multiple truck movements. Follow the temporary signs and directions of the traffic management team and watch for layout changes. Expect minor 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 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 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 but it's weather dependent. While this work is underway there will be lane closures, stop/go traffic management and a temporary speed limit in place. No work will take place from 12pm Thursday 19 June to 11.59pm Sunday 22 June to comply with the Matariki weekend.
- **SH2 Pekatahi Bridge:** Scheduled quarterly maintenance of Pekatahi Bridge will taking place starting Monday June 30. During this time the road will be closed with a detour in place. More information to come.
- **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.

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 mid-June.
- **SH2 Paeroa:** Road resurfacing will take place in Paeroa on SH2 for up to 2 nights from Monday 23 June between 8pm and 5am. While this work is taking place there will be a one-way road closure with a detour for all vehicles via Thorpe Street, Willoughby Street and Victoria Street.

Central Waikato

- **SH5 Tīrau:** Asphalt resurfacing will take place at night on Sunday 22 June between 8pm and 6am on the westbound approach at the Tīrau roundabout. There will be a lane closure while the work is ongoing with traffic detoured via Whites Road, SH28 and on to SH1.
- **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](#)

West Waikato

- **SH1 Ngāruawāhia:** Due to minor finishing works, lane closures will be in place Monday to Fridays between 8am and 4pm and Sunday to Thursdays 6pm to 6am until Monday 30 June. Subject to fine weather. Outside of these hours, all lanes are open to traffic with no speed restrictions.

- **SH26 Eureka:** Road repairs are taking place from Wednesday 11 to Friday 20 June between 9am and 6pm each day. There will be traffic management in place 24/7 while the work is ongoing.
- **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:** Crews are returning to the Cambridge section the Waikato Expressway south of the Victoria Interchange next week to continue road resurfacing. Work will take place during the day from Monday 16 June to Thursday 19 June between 6am and 8pm, apart from Thursday when work will wrap up at 12pm due to the Matariki long weekend. All ramps will remain open during the work with a 50km/h temporary speed limit in place for the duration. On Monday, Wednesday and Thursday work will take place on the northbound lanes and on Wednesday the southbound lanes. Resurfacing on the Cambridge section of the Waikato Expressway will continue until the end of July.
- **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:** The following road closures will take place on SH1 North Waikato in the next week.
 - **Nikau Road:** The northbound off-ramp will be closed along with lane restrictions on SH1 on Sunday 15 June between 9pm and 5am. Please use alternative off-ramp at Bombay.
 - **Mercer Interchange:** The northbound off-ramp will be closed along with northbound lane restrictions on SH1 from Sunday 15 to Tuesday 17 June between 9pm and 5am. Please use alternative off-ramp at Pōkeno.
 - **Mercer Interchange to Island Block Road:** There will be a full southbound closure on Monday 16 June between 9pm and 5am. Traffic will still be able to travel south using one of the northbound lanes.
 - **Hampton Downs:** The northbound on-ramp will be closed on Sunday 15 and Monday 16 June between 9pm and 5am. Please use alternative on-ramp at Te Kauwhata Road.
 - **Hampton Downs to Island Block Road:** There will be a full northbound closure on Tuesday 17 June between 9pm and 5am. Traffic will still be able to travel north using one of the southbound lanes.
- **SH2:** The following road closures will take place on SH2 North Waikato in the next week.
 - **Between Rawiri Road and Maxwell Road:** from Sunday 15 to Wednesday 18 June between 9pm and 5am.
 - **Between Okaeria Road and Steen Road:** from Sunday 15 to Wednesday 18 June between 9pm and 5am.
 - **SH2 Westbound to SH1 Southbound link:** SH2 westbound to SH1 southbound link will be closed on Wednesday 18 June between 9pm and 5am. Motorists should use SH1 northbound link to Ridge Road. Motorists will be able to turn around and re-enter the motorway using Nikau Road southbound on-ramp.

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.
- **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.](#)
- **SH3 Manawatū Tararua Highway:** The first vehicles have now started travelling over Te Ahu a Turanga, the new 11.5 kilometre highway connecting Ashhurst to Woodville. The highway has officially become SH3, replacing the old Manuwatū Gorge Road, which closed in 2017 following slips. [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).

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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