

## Waikato & Bay of Plenty State Highway Works July 2025

Construction of the new Matekerepu roundabout at the intersection of State Highway 2 (SH2) and Wainui Road in the Eastern Bay of Plenty is progressing well.

This important intersection upgrade is part of the SH2 Wainui to Ōpōtiki safety improvements project, which began in 2021 and includes 3 sections. Safety improvements such as shoulder widening, flexible side barriers and rumble strips have already been completed, making this stretch of road safer.

The roundabout marks the next phase of the project and there's been a lot of activity this month, despite the recent weather. Work carrying materials to and from the site continued throughout June with 3-way stop/go traffic management in place.

The widening of Wainui Road has begun, and soon, traffic will be diverted to the newly sealed wider shoulder while the roundabout is built. The relocated streetlights are working well in their new locations, providing good visibility and improving the safety at the intersection.

The Matekerepu roundabout is expected to be completed by April 2026.



Construction of the roundabout is underway at SH2/ Wainui Road

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



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Ever wondered what 'Vehicle is GPS monitored' actually means, often spotted on the back of company vehicles? It means the vehicle is equipped with a device that checks its driving speed against the legal speed limit of the road it's on.

If the vehicle exceeds that limit, the company is notified. So next time you find yourself behind a GPS monitored vehicle, and feeling impatient with its pace, don't tailgate in an attempt to pressure the driver. Sit back, relax, and resist the urge to pass unsafely - the driver is sticking to the rules!

## **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 6 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.](#)
- **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. As part of ongoing construction in the area, temporary traffic management including shoulder closures, mobile operations and reduced speed limits are in place. During the day on Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 July, there will be a lane shifts and reduced speed limit of 30km/h on SH29, between Redwood Lane and south of Belk Road, for work on the new kerbs. Overnight on Wednesday 16 July (7pm to 5am) safety barrier work is planned, with a temporary reduced speed limit of 30km/h and 3-way stop/go in place at the Redwood Lane roundabout (between Belk Road and Gargan Road). [More information.](#)
- **SH29/Tauriko Village:** As part of ongoing construction there are multiple active work sites in and around the Tauriko Village, including Gargan Road and Cambridge Road, with mobile operations, shoulder closures, lane

shifts and temporary reduced speed limits. Night works are planned for Sunday 13 July for service investigations on Cambridge Road, with a stop/go and reduced speed limit of 30km/h in place. Overnight on Thursday 17 July (7pm to 5am) safety barrier relocation is planned on SH29 in Tauriko Village with a stop/go and temporary speed limit of 30km/h in place. [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. Expect delays.
- **SH2 Esdaile Road/Pahoia Road intersection:** Road widening works are underway at this intersection. There will be 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 intersection upgrade:** Road construction and service relocation works are underway in preparation for the new roundabout. A temporary single lane roundabout is currently operating at this intersection. There will be speed restrictions and intermittent stop/go traffic management in place, which may cause delays. Follow the temporary signs and directions of the traffic management team and watch for layout changes. Expect longer delays 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 has started and will continue Sunday to Thursday at night for the next 2 weeks. The locations include near the Athenree rest area, Wright Road, south of Apata and near Barrett Road. There will be stop/go traffic management in place along with temporary reduced speed limits. Minor delays are expected. [More information.](#)

### Rotorua

- **SH30 Te Ngae Road-Wharenui Road:** Work continues at the SH30 Te Ngae Road and Wharenui Road intersection. Night works are planned for 2 nights over the next 2 to 3 weeks and may result in short delays on SH30. These will not be consecutive nights – one night to install signal poles on SH30 outside the Ōwhata Medical Centre parking area and a second night for line marking. Wharenui Road remains 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 is in place, including a temporary pedestrian refuge 250m south of the intersection. [More information.](#)
- **SH5 Tūmunui:** Groundwork starts Monday 14 July in preparation for the average speed cameras which will go live later this year. Two average speed cameras will be installed at either end of SH5 south of Rotorua. [More information.](#)

### Eastern Bay of Plenty

- **SH2 Matatā:** Groundwork starts Monday 14 July in preparation for the average speed cameras which will go live later this year. There will be a shoulder closure by Herepuru Road while crews clear vegetation, install a side barrier, culvert and concrete pad in preparation for the camera. A temporary speed limit will also be in place. [More information](#)
- **SH35 Tōrere:** Slip repairs are underway near Te Kura O Tōrere east of Ōpōtiki. Stop/go traffic management will be in place when work starts on the overslip. These works are ongoing for 6 months. [More information.](#)
- **SH2/Wainui Road, Matekerepu, near Ōpōtiki:** Roundabout construction continues 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 be completed by April 2026.
- **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.

#### Central Waikato

- **SH1/SH5 Taupō:** A Commercial Vehicle Safety Centre is under construction at the SH1/SH5 roundabout. In-road weigh-in-motion scales, camera technology and electronic sign boards are being installed on 5 roads heading towards the safety centre, including SH1 and SH5. The last lane closure will finish on Monday 14 July, but works will continue on the shoulders until the end of July. [More information](#)

#### West Waikato

- **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/SH29 Piarere intersection:** With the bulk of the work on the new SH1/29 roundabout in Piarere now complete, the reduced speed limit of 60km/h has been lifted to 100km/h. 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 late July, with details to be confirmed closer to the time. The project is on track to be completed in August [More information.](#)

## **North Waikato**

- **SH1 Pioneer Road to Pōkeno interchange:** There will be a full northbound closure from Sunday 13 to Tuesday 15 July between 9pm and 5am for maintenance. Traffic will still be able to travel north using one of the southbound lanes. There will be no access to Pioneer Road to/from SH1. Motorists travelling from Pioneer Road to SH1 northbound will be detoured at Mercer to turn around and drive south. Traffic will be detoured at Nikau Road to turn around at travel south to get Pioneer southbound off-ramp to enter Pioneer Road.
- **SH1 Hampton Downs to Island Block Road:** There will be a full northbound closure Tuesday 15 to Thursday 17 July between 9pm and 5am for maintenance. Traffic will still be able to travel north using one of the southbound lanes.
- **SH2 westbound to SH1 northbound link:** SH2 westbound to SH1 northbound link will be closed on Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 July between 9pm and 5am. The detour will be along SH1 southbound to turn around at Pōkeno Interchange and drive north.
- **SH2 Between Baird Road and Irish Road:** On Monday 14 July between 9pm and 5am stop/go traffic management will be in place for maintenance.
- **SH2 Between Coalfields Road and Maramarua township:** On Sunday 13 and Monday 14 July between 9pm and 5am. Stop/go traffic management will be in place for maintenance.

## **Manawatū -Whanganui**

**SH4 Ōtoko:** Work is underway to repair an underslip on SH4, near Ōtoko, where the road has been down to one lane. The road closure that was in place has now lifted and stop/go temporary traffic management is in place on weekdays 6am-6pm until 10 October 2025 while crews work to reinstate the northbound lane. Delays of up to 15 minutes are expected.

## **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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