

Construction of the first columns for Te Arawhiti ki Ōkahu (Ōkahu Viaduct)



Earthworks just north of Pūhoi



Woodcocks Road realignment and where the new Bridge will be constructed

Dramatic changes to the landscape

In the last couple of months there's been some dramatic changes to the landscape around the project as the shape of the new motorway becomes clearer. Some of the most significant changes in the southern section of the project include:

- Progress made to the 'cut' just north of Pūhoi
- Increase in height of the 'fill' just south of Pūhoi
- Construction of the columns for both Te Arawhiti ki Ōkahu and Te Arawhiti ki Pūhoi (Ōkahu and Pūhoi Viaduct)

In the northern section of the project, earthworks for the Northern Connection, where the new roundabout will be built, have become visible from State Highway 1 north of Warkworth. These works will be in close proximity to the roadside. To ensure there is safe separation between live traffic and the construction activities, concrete barriers have been installed and the northbound crawler lane closed. These measures have been put in place to protect the safety of our staff, the community and other road users.

Over the coming months there will also be further changes along Woodcocks Road as the abutments for the Woodcocks Road Bridge are built on either side of the local road.

As we head in to Autumn, the end of the earthworks season is in sight and we start to wind down our earthworks activities. In my next column I look forward to sharing with you some progress highlights for what has been, a busy and productive season. Works that will continue through winter include structures and drainage works, and some minor earthworks.

Finally, I'd like to thank all those who attended our recent Project Open Day. We'll be sharing some highlights from the day in the April 2019 edition of our project newsletter, available on our website www.nx2group.com and by email/post.

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