



## The road ahead

With 8.2 million cubic metres of earth now shifted, the Ara Tūhono – Pūhoi to Warkworth motorway project is starting to transition from what has largely been an earthworks project so far to a roading project moving forward.



We've started road surfacing works, our landscaping is well underway and you may also start to notice more activity on State Highway 1 (SH1). The first of our bridge deck sections to the Arawhiti ki Ōkahu (Ōkahu Viaduct) has also been completed.

Work has begun to tie the Northern and Southern Connections to the existing SH1 network. Road widening work has also commenced north of Warkworth to ensure a safe and efficient connection with the Matakana Link Road being built by Auckland Transport.

Please be mindful of the reduced speed limits and drive carefully in these areas. Our temporary traffic management signage is in place to maintain the safety of both our people and the travelling public.

This doesn't mean our earthworks are complete however - we still have more than one million cubic metres of earth left to shift.

As you're aware, we had hoped to finish these works over the 2019/2020 summer but missed out on much of the prime earthmoving season due to the COVID-19 lockdown.

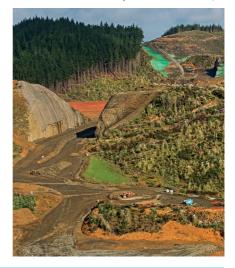
The five weeks of lockdown prevented our crews from taking advantage of the dry weather to continue with the earthworks. This has a knock-on effect to our programme as we now have a greater volume of earthworks to complete next season. This in turn impacts on other activities across the project and as a result we're now expecting to open the new motorway in mid-May 2022.

We know how important completing this road is to the local community and that any delay is disappointing, including for our team. However we're pleased with the progress that had been made prior to COVID-19,

and you'll be happy to hear we have a plan in place to get our motorway finished as quickly as possible while maintaining your safety and that of our people. We will continue to keep you informed on our progress.

Thank you for your continued support and patience, and if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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