

Works Notification

November 2020

Night works and road layout changes on State Highway 1 near Johnstones Hill Tunnels starting Sunday 8 November

Work is beginning on an integral and important piece of work within the Ara Tūhono – Pūhoi to Warkworth Motorway Project requiring significant road layout changes north of the Johnstones Hill Tunnels.

What is happening at the Southern Connection?

The Southern Connection works involve a four-stage construction sequence to connect State Highway 1 (SH1) north of the Johnstones Hill Tunnels to the new motorway. The works will enable the widening of SH1 north of the tunnels where it will eventually connect to the section of new motorway still under construction.

Stage 2 requires SH1 southbound traffic north of the tunnel, to be temporarily transferred to the existing northbound lane (*refer map below*). This will ensure the safety of our workers undertaking these critical works and commuters using the existing roading network, whilst limiting disruption to traffic flows, as far as practicable.

When and where will we be doing this work?

Over the next two weeks, the team will be carrying out works Sunday to Thursday nights only in preparation for the road layout changes. Traffic management will be in place from 8:00pm – 4:00am and there will be an overnight closure of the northbound tunnel. The Hibiscus Coast Highway will remain open in each direction during the work.

Due to the wet weather we have experienced over the last week, we now need additional night shifts to complete the works. The road layout changes will now take effect on **Friday 20 November**.

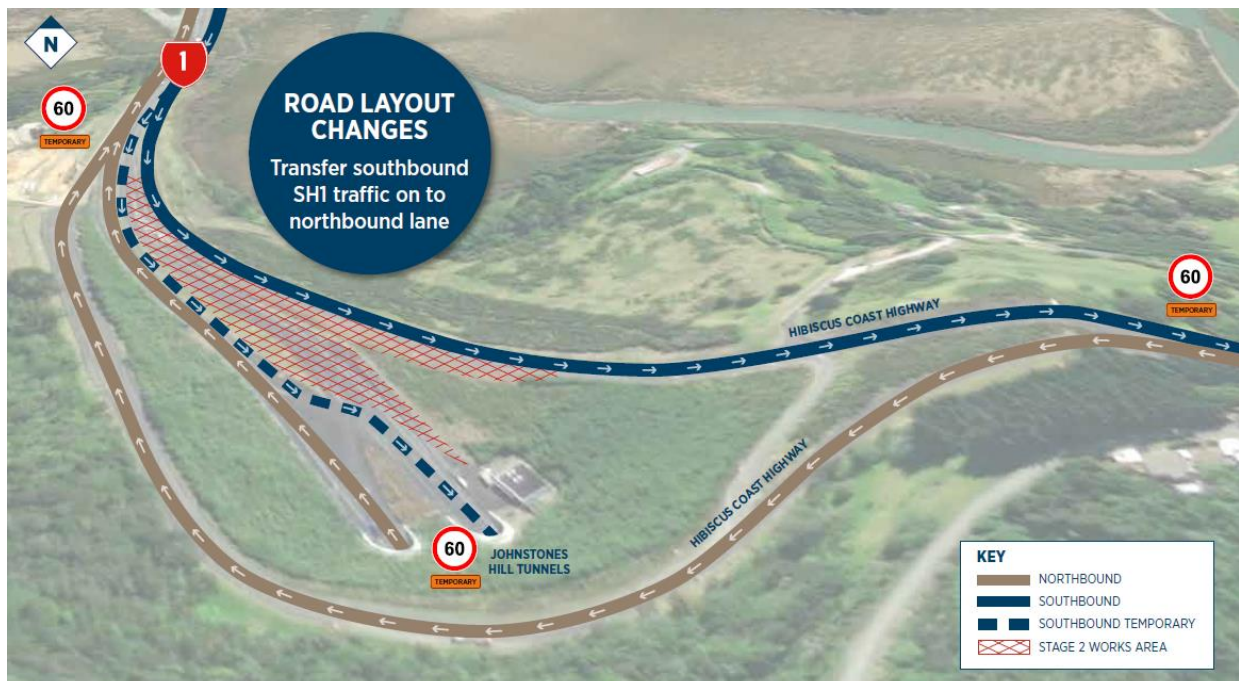
For the past couple of years, we've been building the new alignment alongside SH1. Now we're working to bring the two together. The new road layout on SH1, north of the Johnstones Hill Tunnels will be in place until late May 2021.

Safety is our highest priority and the reduced speed limit of 60km/h will remain in place for the duration of the works. While we will try to limit disruption to traffic flows, road users should plan ahead and allow more time for their journey.

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What does this mean for you?

We ask that drivers keep to the temporary speed limit for the safety of our work crews and road users, drive to the conditions and don't be distracted by work activity. Motorists may experience longer travel times during this time. We advise planning ahead by allowing extra travel time especially during the weekend and public holidays.



Thank you for your patience and support while we complete this important work. To help plan for peak time travel, visit the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency journey planner at www.journeys.nzta.govt.nz. Alternative routes are available via Hibiscus Coast Highway and State Highway 16.

Please don't hesitate to contact our communications team via email: info@nx2group.com or our 24/7 freephone: 0508 P2WK INFO (0508 7295 4636) if you have any questions. More information on the Southern Connection work can be found by visiting our website <https://nx2group.com/> and our Ara Tūhono - Pūhoi to Warkworth Facebook page.

Warm regards,

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Fletcher/Acciona Joint Venture on behalf of NX2

