

What's that building in the north?



One of the more frequent questions we are being asked by the local community at present is the purpose of the building being constructed on State Highway 1 at the northern end of our project.

This is our Asset Management and Maintenance (AM&M) building.

As you know, the Ara Tuhono – Pūhoi to Warkworth project is a Public Private Partnership between Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and the Northern Express Group (NX2).

Under the partnership, NX2 has contracted a joint venture of Higgins and Acciona who will carry out asset management and maintenance on the motorway for 25 years following its opening in mid-May 2022.

Essentially this means that the motorway will be operated and maintained from the AM&M facility.

Its location near the roundabout at Pukerito (the Northern Connection) will ensure the team has easy access to the motorway.



The building has also been designed to a high standard so it can function as a Civil Defence emergency base in case of any natural disaster.

We're expecting the building to be complete later this year to allow the testing and commissioning of the control systems that will operate on the motorway.

Meeting you all and answering your questions is one of the highlights of working on a project of this significance to New Zealand.

While we needed to postpone our February Open Day because of COVID-19, I'm sure you all understand and agree it's essential we look after the wellbeing of our staff and community at this time.

We are working to reschedule and once a new date has been decided we will communicate this through our usual channels, including my column, our Facebook page, website and the Construction Update.

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