

Making connections

We reached a symbolic milestone recently when the final beams were installed on Woodcocks Road Bridge – meaning we are now connected across the alignment from the north to the south.

The 12 beams, which were lifted into place across three nights, are the last to be installed on our structures.

Thank you to everyone for your patience during overnight works such as these. We know they can be disruptive and we are grateful for your co-operation. We still have some more work to complete in this area and will continue to keep you informed about this moving forward.

As we approach our final 12 months, there is plenty to be done across the project, including at each end of the alignment where we connect to the existing roads.

Motorists who use Hibiscus Coast Highway to travel north will have noticed the on-ramp has been moved, and now sits on part of the new alignment.

This allows us to carry out earthworks in the area where the on-ramp was located, as part of work to connect the motorway to Arawhiti ki Ōkahu (the viaduct over Ōkahu Inlet) after the Johnstones Hill Tunnels.

From later this year, northbound motorists will exit the tunnels and drive onto this viaduct. They will continue along a short section of the new motorway and then re-join State Highway 1 at Pūhoi (before the second large viaduct, Arawhiti ki Pūhoi).

Southbound motorists will drive the same route in reverse, entering the new alignment near the southern end of Arawhiti ki Pūhoi.

In the coming months, I will bring you more information on our plans around connecting to State Highway 1 north of Warkworth. In the meantime, please continue to drive safely and follow the directions of our traffic teams.

Ngā mihi,
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