

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Connecting people and places

Our gifted name, Ara Tūhono, means connecting pathway and reflects the safer, more reliable and resilient connection the new motorway will provide for people travelling between Auckland and Northland. As we bring the new connection to life, you can expect to see increased activity at both ends of the project as we work to link into the current State Highway 1.

You can find out more about this important work in this update and on our website here: <u>https://nx2group.com/about-puhoi-to-warkworth</u>

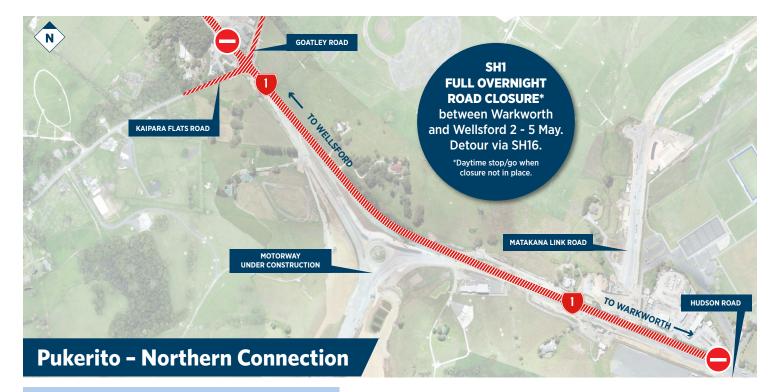


Plan ahead for work at Pukerito – Northern Connection

It's a busy time in the north as the team progress works at Pukerito (Northern Connection). Once complete, this connection will play an important role in enabling the flow of people, goods and services throughout the area.

Next month, the project will be undertaking pavement improvement

and tie in works on SH1 between Kaipara Flats Road/Goatley Road and Hudson Road intersections. A section of SH1 will be closed when this happens to ensure the safety of our teams working at night, and all other road users. During the day the area will also have a stop/go operation in place to keep crews safe while doing their work, and to prevent damage to vehicles and the new road seal.



The works will be carried out during the following times: **Daytime works – stop/go and lower speed limit in place:** • Monday 2 May to Friday 6 May between 5am and 9pm

- Overnight full closure detour in place:
- Monday 2 May to Thursday 5 May between 9pm and 5am

When the full overnight closures are in place, there will be a detour between Warkworth and Wellsford via State Highway 16. The detour could add approximately 30 minutes travel time to your journey. Please plan travel over this time carefully, and we apologise in advance for any inconvenience. While we will try to limit disruption to traffic flows, road users should plan ahead by checking the Waka Kotahi journey planner https://www.journeys.nzta.govt.nz/ before heading out.



We've missed you!

Our Project Information Centre, located at Wyllie Road, has now reopened to the public.

Pop in and say hello to our friendly team during the week between 9am and 5pm. If you have a specific query about the project, it might be a good idea to call ahead and book a time so we can have the right team member on hand to help. As always, the team can be contacted on our 24/7 freephone 0508 P2WK INFO (0508 7295 4636) or by email <u>info@nx2group.com</u>

Next stage of the Southern Connection

A section of the new motorway will open to traffic for the first time in May 2022, when people will start travelling across Arawhiti ki Ōkahu (the viaduct over the Ōkahu Inlet). This is an exciting stage in our work to connect the new motorway to the existing State Highway 1.

Hibiscus Coast Highway journeys

From **Monday 23 May 2022**, there will be a new road layout for traffic north of the Johnstones Hill Tunnels. Northbound traffic from Hibiscus Coast Highway will seamlessly merge onto the new motorway, travel across Arawhiti ki Ōkahu viaduct and exit at the new Pūhoi off-ramp onto Pūhoi Road. Here they will be able to turn left towards Pūhoi or right to re-join SH1 at the Pūhoi Road intersection (Map below).

The new road layout changes will be formed over one night on **Sunday 22 May**, from 9.00pm – 5.00am. To facilitate these changes the northbound tunnel will be closed while these night works take place. Northbound traffic will be diverted via contraflow into the southern tunnels, traffic will be bi-directional. This contraflow will remain in place for the next three weeks.

These road layout changes are part of a staged sequence of work to connect State Highway 1 (SH1) to the new four lane motorway currently under construction.

Johnstones Hill Tunnel view

- **23 May:** Solid brown line, northbound HCH traffic (toll free route), exiting at Pūhoi off-ramp. Solid blue line, No Change - southbound SH1 traffic heading toward HCH/Waiwera (toll free route)
- 13 June: Dashed brown and blue lines, North and Southbound SH1 traffic, switched



State Highway 1 journeys

Three weeks later, on the morning of **Monday 13 June 2022**, northbound and southbound SH1 traffic will also move to the new motorway. Northbound motorists will drive onto the viaduct immediately after exiting the Johnstones Hill Tunnels, while south-bound motorists will enter the new motorway at the Pūhoi on-ramp (Map below).

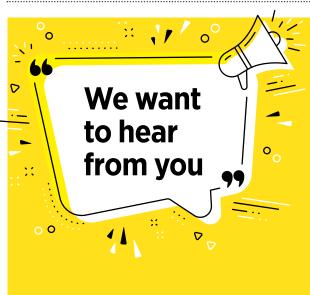
The road layout change will be formed over a period of three weeks, with several night works required during this time.

Safety is our highest priority, and a reduced speed limit of 50km/h will be in place at the Pūhoi Intersection, for the duration of these works. The temporary speed limit along the new alignment will be 60 km/h. The free route along Hibiscus Coast Highway will always be accessible.

Pūhoi Intersection view

Solid brown line: Northbound traffic merge back onto SH1, via temporary bi-directional on-ramp Solid blue line: Southbound traffic merge onto the new on-ramp towards the tunnels or head towards Waiwera/HCH (free route)





We work hard to keep stakeholders and the local community up to date about the Ara Tūhono – Pūhoi to Warkworth project, and we're keen to get your feedback on how we're doing.

Our latest stakeholder satisfaction survey is live now and will be open until Friday 29 April.

All responses will go in the draw to win a \$50 Countdown voucher. Follow <u>this link</u> to take part.

What have we been up to?

If you want to take a closer look behind the scenes,

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to view the latest project progress photos.

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