

Community day update



Your chance to explore the TEL before it opens!

Tomorrow the Tauranga Eastern Link will be open for cyclists, walkers, runners, and for anyone wishing to take a tour on the free buses provided.

Details about what's happening at the community day are below, or [check out the website](#) for more information.

The road will open to traffic on Monday 3 August, subject to weather.

Hope to see you there!



A stunning day for the official opening

New Zealand's newest stretch of state highway – the Tauranga Eastern Link (TEL) - was officially opened on Thursday 30 June 2015 by Prime Minister John Key and Transport Minister Simon Bridges.

After four and a half years of construction the \$455 million NZ Transport Agency project was officially opened five months ahead of schedule. [Read the full media release.](#)

As part of the official opening ceremonies the guests were taken on a test drive of the new highway in vintage cars.



Fancy cycling down the TEL?

Bring your bike and ride down the completed road before it opens to vehicles.

For two dedicated hours between 8am and 10am the road will be open just for cyclists from the Domain Road interchange to the Paengaroa roundabout.

Key tips for cyclists:

- **Parking is not provided.** You will need to park locally and cycle to the entry points of the TEL
- You can **access the TEL at both** the Domain Road / Tara Road intersection and at the Paengaroa roundabout, at the eastern end of the road
- Cyclists will be using the **eastbound lanes (heading towards Paengaroa)** – one lane in each direction. If you want to only cycle part of the road, then you can do so
- If you wish to cycle during the community day then you can **use the new off-road cycleway**. Access is at Bell Road and Te Tumu Road

Remember to wear your helmet, to share the road, and have fun!

Check out the details on [this poster](#).



Hop on - hop off bus tour of the TEL

From 10.30am to 3.00pm tomorrow there will be free bus tours up and down the new road during the community day.

There is no parking near the TEL site so a park and ride system will be in operation with free parking available at Baypark and Kiwi360.

From these locations visitors can hop onto the free buses to take them along to the Domain Road interchange gala, enjoy a full bus tour (please allow up to two hours) and have a helicopter ride at Kiwi360.

A mobility bus will be in operation at 11.30am and 1.00pm from Baypark. Seats are limited.

As well as the bus tours you will be able to:

- Hop off the bus at the Domain Road interchange gala and check out the information hub, see the construction machinery and vintage car displays, and get food and drink from some great food stalls
- If you're feeling like a walk, or run, you can do so from the Domain Road interchange and walk 5km, to the Kaituna River bridge or the whole 15km (30km return) length. There are designated bus stops if you get tired.



- Roller skaters, scooters and skateboarders are also permitted provided they have appropriate safety gear (helmets, kneepads etc)
- Catch the free bus to Kiwi360 where you can hop on the chopper for just \$30 for a three minute trip over the TEL.

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Congratulations to the winner of the TEL helicopter ride

To thank the community for their patience and to celebrate the opening of the TEL, we ran a prize draw offering one lucky entrant the chance to win a helicopter flight over the TEL.

Many thanks to all the entrants but there can only be one winner... The draw was held on Tuesday 28 July and the lucky winner is Deborah Holmes of Te Puke.

Deborah was delighted to hear the news and said she's really going to get to experience the TEL in as many ways as possible during the Community Day as she's also part of a group cycling the road in the morning.

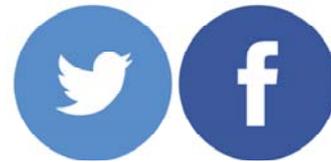
If you fancy a helicopter ride over the TEL they will be available from just \$30 for three minutes. Catch the free bus to Kiwi360 where you can hop on the chopper, check out the great gift store and local community stalls.



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