NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY WAKA KOTAHI

Tauranga Eastern Link

Construction Update

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Progress to date

Above: April 2014—Pah Road to Kaituna River

Above: April 2015—Pah Road to Kaituna River

The TEL has taken shape

The images shown remind us of the significant changes throughout the TEL project over the past 12 months. The images above show Pah Road unformed in April 2014 and one section still having a section of surcharge material in place. Below, the Parton Road bridge construction was just about to commence. It was then opened to traffic in February this year.

Motorists travelling between Domain Road and Te Maunga have observed and experienced a number of changes over the past year. There have been numerous lane diversions and reduced speed restrictions whilst the State Highway 2 westbound (to Tauranga) lanes and the large roundabout at the Domain Road interchange were under construction and the final road surface being laid.

The Domain Road interchange bridge B de-construction and re-build work crew achieved a milestone in April 2015, with the bridge reaching the stage of construction it was at prior to the fire in November 2014, in just a little over four months.

Many areas of the project are receiving the finishing touches, although there is still a lot of work to be carried out at the Mangatawa and Domain Road interchanges. Domain Road and the TEL section of Tara Road is to be completed this month and work to install street lights, signage and roadside protection barrier installation continues along with the final road surface in other areas. The landscaping programme is underway again with mulch placement and the final planting of 100,000 plants.

Above: April 2014—Parton Road bridge approaches

Above: April 2015—Parton Road bridge completed

Traffic management for May

State Highway 2 between Mangatawa and Domain Road—Monday 4th May

East bound (to Te Puke) traffic will be switched back on to the new eastbound lanes with the westbound (to Tauranga) remaining on the west side. Only one lane each way will be open to allow a variety of construction works to be completed. Motorists are reminded that access to Bruce Road and Kairua Road is 'left-in' and 'left-out' only and there is no longer the opportunity to make right-hand turns from Kairua Road or Bruce Road onto SH2 or from SH2 onto Kairua Road or Bruce Road.

Kairua Road temporary closure—Monday 11th May

To allow the final surfacing of the Kairua Road on and off ramps, Kairua Road will be temporarily closed for one day.

Details are:

- *State Highway 2 / Kairua Road off ramp—from 7.00am through to 4.00pm*
- *Kairua Road—from 9.00am through to 4.00pm.*

All traffic will be diverted via Welcome Bay Road and State Highway 2.

Domain Road

Both the north bound and south bound traffic will be switched on to the completed north bound (to Papamoa) lanes. This will allow pavement repairs to be undertaken on the south bound lanes.

Once the repairs have been undertaken, the south bound traffic will be switched back onto the south bound lanes allowing the construction of the central traffic island to be completed.

- 50km/h temporary speed restriction

Tara Road between Domain Road and Royal Ascot Drive

Both the west and east bound traffic will be switched on to the new east bound (to Papamoa) lanes to allow pavement repairs to be undertaken. When the repairs are completed, the west bound (to Tauranga) traffic will be switched on to the west bound lanes.

- 50km/h temporary speed restriction

State Highway 2 between Te Maunga and Domain Road

- 80km/h temporary speed restriction

Forward programme for May

Some key activities throughout the TEL site will include:

- Pavement construction
- Landscaping
- Installation of wire rope and roadside protection barriers

Above: *Pavement operation*

- Signage installation
- Footpath construction
- Noise wall construction

Above: *Domain Road interchange*

- CCTV installation
- Drainage
- Bridge joint and barrier construction