

Works Notification

08 May 2022

Southern Connection – road layout changes

Kia ora Neighbour,

We are writing to let you know that in late May we will move to stage four of the Southern Connection works. The Southern Connection is where State Highway 1 (SH1) north of the Johnstone Hill Tunnels, will eventually connect to the new safer, more reliable and resilient motorway.

Details of the upcoming works

On Sunday 22 May, SH1 northbound lanes will be closed between Silverdale and Pūhoi from 9:00pm – 5am as we form the next stage of the new road layout. A detour will be in place from Silverdale via Hibiscus Coast Highway.

From **Monday 23 May 2022**, northbound Hibiscus Coast Highway (HCH) traffic will merge onto a small section of the new motorway, travel across Arawhiti ki Ōkahu (viaduct) and exit at the new Pūhoi off-ramp onto Pūhoi Road. This will provide our crews with a protected working area while they complete the next phase of work.

On Sunday 12 June, SH1 will be closed between Silverdale and Pūhoi from 9:00pm – 5am as we form the second stage of the new road layout. A detour will be in place from Silverdale via Hibiscus Coast Highway.

From **Monday 13 June 2022**, northbound and southbound SH1 traffic will join HCH traffic on the new motorway alignment. Traffic heading north will exit from the Johnstone Hill Tunnels and seamlessly merge onto the viaduct. SH1 traffic heading south towards the tunnels will merge onto the new on-ramp, just after Pūhoi Road.

Traffic will remain in one lane in each direction and motorists will not be able to drive on the Pūhoi viaduct (Arawhiti ki Pūhoi) until the rest of the 18.5 km motorway opens. Should any of the above work be delayed due to weather or unforeseen circumstances, it will be rescheduled to the next available night. (maps of new layout below)

What this means for you

Motorist may experience longer travel times while this work takes place, we advise planning ahead by allowing extra travel time especially during the weekend and public holidays. To help plan for peak time travel, visit the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency journey planner at <https://www.journeys.nzta.govt.nz> Alternative routes are available via State Highway 16.

Safety is our highest priority, and a reduced speed limit will be in place. We ask that drivers keep to the temporary speed limit for the safety of our work crews and motorists, drive to the conditions and don't be distracted by work activity.

If you have queries about these works or the Ara Tūhono – Pūhoi to Warkworth project, please contact us on 0508 P2WK INFO (0508 7295 4636) or at info@nx2group.com.

Ngā mihi

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Fletcher/Acciona Joint Venture on behalf of NX2

Map 1 – Johnstones Hill tunnels

The map below shows the final road layout after the switch - Blue line = southbound Brown line = northbound



Map 2 – Pūhoi Intersection

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