Office Refurbishment

We moved back into our refurbished office on 20th March which is a fantastic improvement compared to the original office and temporary portacoms.



Stage 2 of our Alliance (Toc 2)

Negotiations have been finalised for the next period of our maintenance alliance and TOC 2 commenced 1st July. We are looking forward to continuing to be involved in the servicing of the bridge, and part of the Northcote community.



In the 1st year of our contract we generated savings in the region of 8% of our original budget. We are striving to generate future savings through innovations developed by our team here at the bridge and we are measured on our performance by KRA's (Key Result Areas) enabling our Alliance to track our progress against targets set at the beginning of the project.

Health & Safety

We recently went 2 years lost time injury free for the project. As a celebration the team went bowling for an afternoon at Wairau Park as a thank you for the hard work that everyone has put into our Health and safety performance. In total we have now gone 195,605 hours without a lost time injury. That is the equivalent of a person working 102 years of their life lost time injury free.

We are coming close to going 1 year Medical treatment injury free for the project. We hope to hit our target in mid-September. This will be a great achievement considering the high risk work we carry out on a daily basis. Our total manhours medical treatment injury free at present is 65,764

For the past few months we have been running a boot-camp for our staff after work in a church on Stafford road. Our turn outs to the training sessions have been really good and the overall feedback from the guys is that they feel really good after the training and most of all it is enjoyable. Some staff members have asked for help in quitting smoking so they can perform better at the training sessions which is really good to see.

We have been encouraging our team to eat better by providing fresh fruit on a daily basis. The team are encouraged to leave the unhealthier foods out of their diets and swap them out with fruit. This initiative has gone really well so far and the team look forward to and enjoy the fruit every week.

Staff Profile

Phil Tavener has worked at the Harbour Bridge for 4 years originally brought on board during the Box girder strengthening project. He enjoys working at the bridge and spends his spare time walking, biking and coaching his son's soccer and cricket teams. He is a very keen skier and recently returned from 10 days in Whistler, Canada.



Interesting Facts

Clip on Statistics

- Construction period 1966-1969.
- Both extensions opened Feb 1970.
- Cost \$7.4 million (\$13.5 million in today's money)

The 26 huge box girders forming the extensions were built in Japan and brought out in seven trips on board a specially converted oil tanker. Because some of the girders were 107m long and weighed as much as 500 tonnes, the contractors brought with them two floating cranes, each with a lifting capacity of 254 tonnes, and two big tugboats to manoeuvre them. Each girder was hoisted from a barge up to the bridge - and virtually clipped to its side.



Harbour Bridge Landscape Project

The place under the Harbour Bridge is an important space that provides for many functions. Including public road access to local dwellings, underside bridge access for essential maintenance works to the structure, and public access to an important reserve area including Te Onewa Pa/Stokes Point. From this vantage point there are expansive views of the Waitemata Harbour framed by the bridge structure overhead; a place for celebration of the natural environment as well as cultural and engineering heritage.

The Transport Agency is upgrading the area around the southern end of Princes Street under the Auckland Harbour Bridge. The design intent is to create a strong visual and physical connection to the reserve, harbour and coastal edge, as well as a celebration of the important local history and culture. The first stage of the upgrade project is complete, and includes landscape improvements to the abutment area and new lighting to the bridge area. Future stages will be designed in conjunction with Council and in context with the adjacent reserve and Pa site.

The first stage of the project also included painting of the 'The Trestle Leg Series': excerpts of poetry and prose wrapped around eight of the eastern trestle legs of the west box girder beneath the Auckland Harbour Bridge.

The second stage of the upgrade has been designed and is to be installed this year. This part of the project aims to recognise natural and cultural landmarks of this area that were significantly altered when the bridge was constructed. Throughout the project, The Transport Agency has worked with iwi consultants to identify cultural markers for the site through the creation of art works and a range of design elements.

The third stage of the project aims to complete the recognition of this place by providing fully accessible routes to the point at Te Onewa, with elements of cultural heritage interpretation, as well as additional park furniture and planting to provide opportunities for rest and relaxation. The design of this area involves a number of stakeholders including Council and iwi, among many other important people and organisations. The design process is underway.







Delivery Manager Summary

Delivery Team (Mechanical & Painting)

The team's latest success was the installation of the under arch gantry and new access platforms. These access platforms will improve access for inspections and maintenance of the walkways in the navigations span and easier access to the many services running through that area.

In the coming months painting will be continuing in span 1. Initial work will be over the harbour and will then continue across Stokes Point in January. While the works are in progress over Stokes Point the access gates will remain locked during the week but will be unlocked on Friday evening through to early Monday morning for public access. A containment system will also be introduced to collect abrasive blast material along with wash water and over spray.



Transpower NAaN Project

Transpower have now successfully installed all three cables running across the bridge. We would like to thank the residents for their co-operation and patience while this work was in progress. Design works are now being finalised for the cable shields which are due for installation towards the end of 2013.

Alliance Culture

In early March we got together at the Richmond Yacht Club to have a bit of fun and build on our already solid team foundation. It was a very entertaining team building session as you can see from the photo below.



