

2 Hawke's Bay Expressway project overview

We've kicked off the Hawke's Bay Expressway project – and you'll start seeing changes on the ground. This project is part of the government's Roads of National Significance (RoNS) programme, aimed at making travel safer, faster, and more reliable for everyone who uses this key route.

Supporting our region

Every day, thousands of people rely on the expressway – whether it's getting to work, school, or moving goods across the region.

With traffic growing steadily over the past two decades, a four-lane expressway will make travel smoother and safer, support new housing and business growth, and strengthen connections between Napier and Hastings and rural areas.

It'll also help our economy by improving access to key transport links like the port and rail network.

More information

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What's happening now

Construction is underway to 4-lane the 6.5km stretch between Taradale Road and Links Road/Pākōwhai Road. This includes:

- new overpasses at Kennedy Road and Meeanee Road
- a second bridge over the Tutaekuri River
- a grade-separated interchange (overpass) at Links Road/Pākōwhai Road
- circa 500m of additional four-laning south of the interchange

Work kicked off in mid-October at the Tutaekuri River Bridge site, and we're closing the Kennedy Road offramp in early 2026 to set up a laydown and work site. Road and bridge construction will run in parallel, with completion expected in late 2029.

This project supports Hawke's Bay's growing communities.

What's happening where

Construction begins in November on the 6.5km stretch between Taradale Road and Links Road/Pākōwhai Road. Detailed design of the Links Road/Pākōwhai Road overpass will also progress.

