

Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Activity

Weekly Update

27 April 2023

Waka Kotahi National Recovery Support Team



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- [Traffic and Travel Information – Highway conditions](#)
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Waka Kotahi three phase response to the impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle

Phase	Description	Current state
One: Emergency Response	Open temporary emergency access and lifelines to affected and isolated communities. Some customer access is likely to be restricted, for example, freight.	State Highway 25A in the Coromandel and State Highway 2, between Napier and Tutira are the only sections of State Highway network that are still closed. Some limited convoy access is allowed on State Highway 2 during week days.
Two: Providing access for communities	Once lifeline connections are established, start to lift the level of service, to support community access. This includes assessment, stabilisation, minor works and some maintenance.	A full assessment is commencing on all corridors that were affected. Maintenance and Operations teams are continuing to repair at risk sites while rebuild strategic planning is underway.
Three: Rebuild and betterment for the long term	Undertaking permanent rebuild alongside our partners.	Strategic Planning is underway for three regions – Northland, Coromandel and East Coast – and is expected to be completed by the end of June 2023.

Waka Kotahi has prepared [State Highway Access Maps](#) showing the key areas where restrictions apply and general advice on the length of time for repairs. These maps are updated each Tuesday (until further notice).

Strategic Resilience Plan

Strategic resilience plan

- Over the next few months, we aim to prepare a strategic resilience plan for our state highway corridors. The aim of this work is to further support the immediate emergency work that has already taken place in the affected regions, and identify options for resilience works in the short, medium and long term.
- It will identify ranges of programmes and funding required for next steps, which will be further refined in the next stages. There is prior work and investigations in the project area that we can draw on, but this strategic response will take a stronger resilience lens.
- Local Council(s) within each affected region, as well as Iwi, will be engaged during this stage of the plan.
- The Tairāwhiti/Wairoa planning is a 12-week project; the team is half-way through this timeframe, and has recently been pulling together the material gathered at long list workshops, including developing programmes for each corridor (SH2, SH35 and SH38).

Regional update

Northland



SH1 Brynderwyns:

- In the 2nd week of closure.
- Working to resolve a major overslip and carry out drainage work.
- The road will be open to two lanes once re-opened on Monday 1 May.
- Detour route is open – light vehicles are using Mangawhai and Waipu (using Nova Scotia Drive) and heavy vehicles are using SH12 and SH14 via Dargaville.

SH15 Titoki:

- It's been decided we will be relocating the road away from the slip. The final design has been completed.

SH1 Mangamuka Gorge:

- The work is continuing on the slip as per the programme.
- Still on track to open May 2024

Waikato



SH25A Kopu to Hikuai

- Remains closed to all vehicles until further notice.
- An announcement on the solution to repair SH25A is expected to be made mid May 2023.

SH25 Opoutere – McBeth

- Physical works are underway on the underslip on SH25
- This is expected to be complete by late May 2023

Other

- Overnight road closures continue into next week at the northern end of SH25 (Kereta Hill) to facilitate urgent pavement repair work before winter.
- Overnight road closures commence on Monday 8 May at Kūaotunu Hill to allow geotechnical investigation to take place.
- Access has been restored around the Coromandel Peninsula for all vehicles.

East Coast



Tairāwhiti

• SH35:

- Still fully operating
- Access past the damaged Hikuwai bridge is via a Local Road and access past the Mangahauini Gorge is via the constructed bypass.
- The Hikuwai Bailey bridge is scheduled to open in late May 2023. The crane was erected on site last week.

• SH2 Waioeka Gorge

- Scheduled to have 24 lane kms (12kms full carriageway) rehabilitated using foam bitumen.
- The first site will start 1 May 2023 just north of Gisborne, and work is expected to be complete by 1 July.

Hawkes Bay

• SH2 Waikare Bailey ridge

- Works are underway.
- Due to the geometry of the site, launching the bridge is not as straight forward as other locations.
- The aim is to have the bridge open to residents (with restrictions) in Mid May, and to the public at the end of May 2023

• Waitangi Bridge:

- Was closed 26th April 2023 8pm and re-opened 27th April 2023 5am to allow for debris clearing.