

Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Activity

Weekly Update

4 May 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 programme's 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 over 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) for further assessment.

Regional update



Northland

SH1 Brynderwyns

- Work to resolve a major over slip and carry out drainage work has been completed ahead of schedule.
- The road is fully open as of 1 May 2023

SH1 Dome Valley

- Warkworth to Wellsford was closed Sunday 30 April due to a slip. It reopened on Monday 1 May.



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 Tuesday 9 May 2023.

SH25 Opoutere – McBeth

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

SH2 Karangahake Gorge

- Was closed Monday 1 May in both directions, between Waihi and Paeroa, due to a slip. It is fully reopened as of Tuesday 2 May.



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.

• SH2 Waioeka Gorge

- A rehabilitation programme using foam bitumen started Tuesday 2 May.
- This will be followed by an Asphalt works programme.
- This will ensure the pavement holds over the winter period and can handle increased freight volumes currently using the route between Ōpōtiki and Gisborne.

Hawke's Bay

• SH2 Waikare Bailey bridge

- Works are nearing completion.
- The Bailey bridge has been launched and is now in place.
- Work is now focused on the approaches.
- The aim is to have the bridge open to residents (with restrictions) mid May 2023 and open to the public at the end of May 2023.

SH5

- Works are progressing well on a couple of emergency works sites.