

Whakatāne District Council

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi
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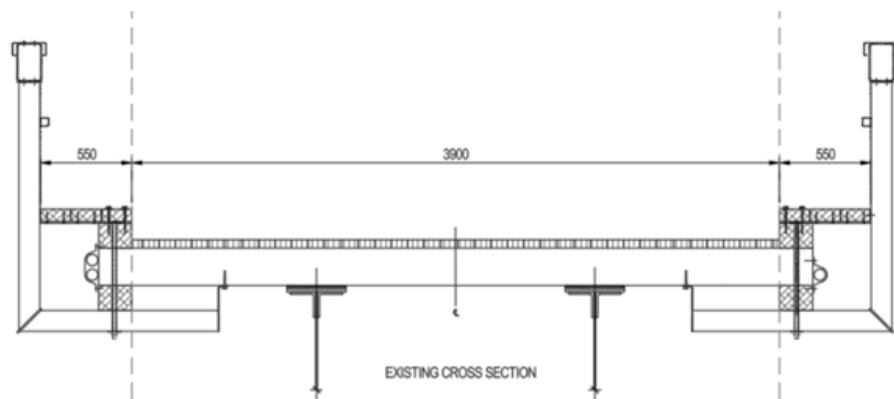
26 June 2025



Pekatahi Bridge

Background

- Built in 1923 for rail, 367m long.
- Deck rebuilt 2017, 16 weeks.
- 2024 – Minor safety improvements near Foster Road – updated line marking, installed cat's eyes and new signs. Tāneatua side road surface improvements.
- Consisting of transverse beam overlain by 50mm wide surfacing planks.
- Surface planks screwed into transverse beams, overlain by chipseal surfacing to address friction issues.
- Servicing 2390 per day and substantial number of heavies.





Pekatahi Bridge

Maintenance

- SH2 key connection for Bay of Plenty and beyond.
- Any closure is disruptive.
- Scheduled quarterly maintenance under full closure, allowing to safely repair.
- Full closures required due to narrow bridge.
- Timing scheduled when school is closed / lower traffic volumes.
- Funded by National Land Transport Fund.

Pekatahi Bridge

Current maintenance programme

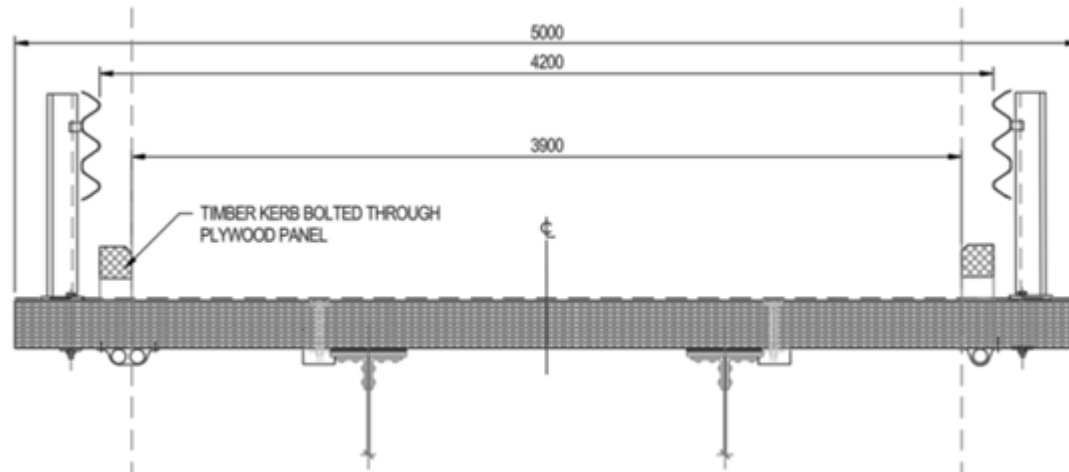
- Surface plank movement – additional screws.
- Surface plank repairs due to breakage – initially at bridge ends, now spread across bridge length.
- Removing 50mm planks (full width), replacing with 100mm plank.
- Addressing broken and protruding screws.
- Difficult, time consuming operation due to existing screws and overlain seal.
- Requires full closure of bridge during repair works.
- Next programmed maintenance Monday 30 June – 6 days of closures.



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Deck replacement

- Design work underway – using plywood panel.
- Requires stripping existing and rebuilding, under full closure.
- Current budget is 11% of estimated deck replacement costs.
- Reprioritisation being reviewed to assess inclusion within 2024-27 NLTP period.
- Will remain as a single lane bridge.
- Maintenance will continue until funding confirmed.



Strategic Transport Planning - Resilience

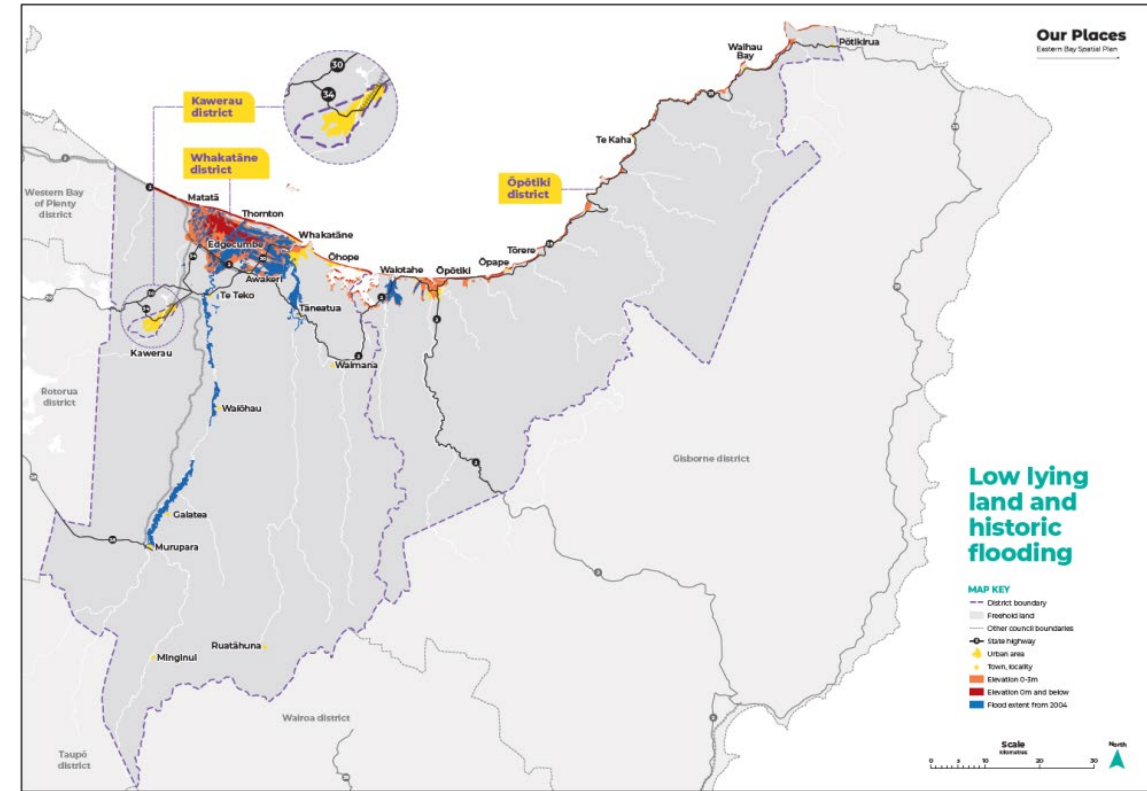
SH2 between Awakeri and Ōpōtiki has a range of resilience and safety challenges coupled with limited load road detour options. A programme Business Case is proposed to take a long-term view of the future of this network to provide reliable access into the future.

Resilience

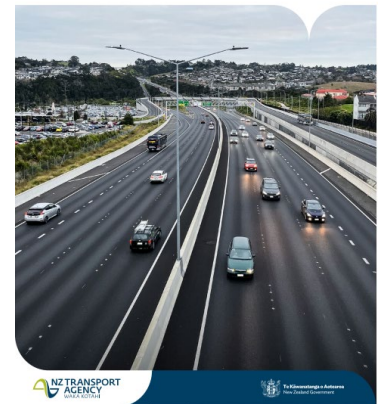
Resilience improvements on the region's road network will focus on a range of improvements to address areas at risk of slips, flooding, coastal erosion and inundation.

SH2 Awakeri to Ōpōtiki

This route has few alternative local roads, so it's more vulnerable to disruptions from weather events or crashes on the state highway. We're starting work to investigate ways to make it more resilient.



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National Land Transport Programme
2024-27



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