

# The Link

Monthly Update on the Harbour Link Project

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## Progress to Date

Ngai Tamarawaho blessed the site during a dawn ceremony on 11 July and the project is now underway.

The last building has come down on the Tauranga side of the project and the alignment of the new viaduct is now clearly visible. It runs from Takitimu Drive across Chapel Street and Mirrielees Road to the harbour.

During July, plant and machinery were mobilised on site with cranes, rigs and excavators seen at the old Bob Clarkson site and at the Den Place slipway. In addition, fences have been going up to delineate the construction work areas.

The first piles for the temporary access platform for the new Chapel Street eastbound off-ramp were installed in late July.



*Demolition – Den Place slipway*

## Design Developing

Much of the work to date has been at the drawing board. Fletcher Construction's designers, URS and their partners Tonkin & Taylor and Peters and Cheung, are working with Fletcher to implement new and innovative ways to complete the project with the least impact on the community and the environment.



*Mobilising equipment on site*

## ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR AUGUST

1. Piling for the Chapel Street off-ramp will begin at the Takitimu Drive/Chapel Street corner of the Waikareao Estuary.
2. A temporary access platform will be installed to allow the construction of the new harbour bridge.
3. Takitimu Drive lanes will be realigned.
4. Chapel Street services will be relocated.
5. The project's pre-casting yard will be established behind the site offices on Dive Cres.
6. A bentonite mixing facility will be established at the corner of Chapel and Marsh Street. The bentonite is a drilling slurry which replaces the dirt as it is removed during piling. This keeps the bore open and prevents water from entering.
7. The Waikareao footpath will be diverted.

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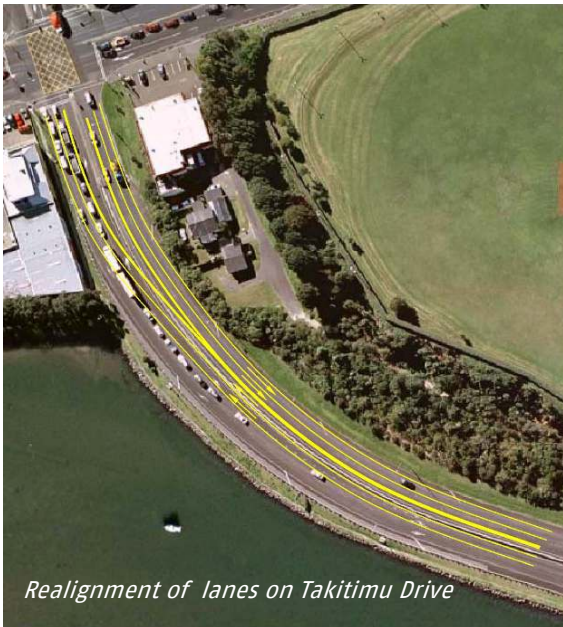
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The following construction activities may potentially affect travel times or cause other minor inconveniences.

	30 JUL – 5 AUG	6 – 12 AUG	13 – 19 AUG	20 – 26 AUG	27 AUG – 2 SEP
Night works to realign lanes at Takitimu Drive					
Install temporary staging – New Harbour Bridge (potential navigation hazard)					

### First Traffic Shift 5 to 9 August

To allow construction of the Chapel Street eastbound off-ramp, the lanes at the east end of Takitimu Drive will need to be shifted southward, towards Tauranga Domain. The final number of lanes will remain unchanged.



*Realignment of lanes on Takitimu Drive*

The works to install the realignment will occur from 5 to 9 August, at night. There will be full closures of westbound lanes on Takitimu Drive from Chapel Street to Elizabeth Street from 10pm to 6am during this period. Motorists are advised to follow sign posted detour routes or avoid this area while closures are in operation. Eastbound lanes from Elizabeth Street to Chapel Street will be single lane only, from 8pm to 6am.

Given the nature of the activity and the machinery required to install the realignment, there will be some noise generated by the night works. All practicable steps will be taken to reduce this potential impact.

At the same time, the Waikareao Walkway from the pedestrian overbridge to Chapel Street will be closed. Pedestrians will be diverted over the footbridge and along the footpath below the Tauranga Domain during this period.

Once installed, the new alignment and pedestrian diversion will be in place until approximately May 2008.

### New Site Offices

The Project Information Centre and Fletcher Construction site offices have been established on Dive Crescent just before the roundabout. The Project Information Centre is now open Monday to Friday, from 9am to 5pm, and the staff there will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the project.



*Info centre and site offices – Dive Crescent*

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