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Akatarawa Road Bridge Replacement Programme

30 September 2011



Upcoming Traffic Delays



Two bridge beams are to be delivered to site this SATURDAY 1 October.

On SUNDAY 2 October there will be a number of deliveries as the contractor is stock piling fill material for the northern approach to bridge B 1/6.

The final two bridge beams will be delivered on Monday 3 October.

The contractor is planning to work on-site 24 hours a day from now until Monday evening. This will result in a significant amount of additional traffic on the road outside of the normal hours during this time.

The 200t crane will be travelling to the site on Monday; and will be leaving the site to return to Wellington on Wednesday.

Cyclists and pedestrians are encouraged to avoid using Akatarawa Road between bridge B1/5 and B1/6 on Tuesday when the final bridge beams are put into place; and need to be aware that if they do so they can expect significant delays throughout the day.

As equipment becomes surplus to requirements it is being removed from site. Regular road users need to be aware that they may encounter large and/or slow moving vehicles at any time throughout the coming weeks.

Bridge B 1/4

Traffic continues to be restricted to one lane on the approach to the bridge. The fine weather over the past week has assisted the drying process on the protected area and it is hoped that the full width will be open to road users shortly.

Bridge B 1/5

The major works associated with this bridge are now completed.

Minor works associated with the guardrails, handrails, and approaches are continuing.



Bridge B 1/6

The approach on the southern side of the river is now over half completed and will be finished by Sunday afternoon ready for the arrival of the crane on Monday.

The bridge beams will be placed on Tuesdays. Because of the restricted space and the need to swing the beams in over the footbridge the road will be closed to all traffic including pedestrians and cyclists for an extended period while each of the eight beams is swung into place. The beam delivery truck and other vehicles will also be operating on the road between B 1/5 and B 1/6 throughout the day. Public access through the worksite is still available but for their own safety anyone taking advantage of this access is expected to follow the directions of Brian Perry Civil.



On the north side of the river the final abutment was poured last week. The 68 cubic metres was the last large-scale concrete pour for the three bridges.



The corbel on top of the abutment (the seat for the bridge beams) has been boxed and is being poured today (Friday 30 September).

Once the boxing and scaffolding has been removed the remainder of the unsuitable material in the approach will be excavated down to a firm base to allow construction of the new two lane approach.

Timetable

Work has run to programme for the last two weeks and it is expected that all the contract works will be completed in early November.

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