

# Streets ahead in Ngatea

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## Highway closed but Ngatea open for business

State Highway 2 at Ngatea's CBD will be closed from Tuesday 14 January to 3pm Friday 24 January but the town is still very much open for business.



## Stage 1 – two week detour, road closed. Piako River Bridge open for pedestrians

The road closure, which will extend from the Piako River Bridge to the first pedestrian crossing near Dent Street, marks the start of two separate projects to upgrade the town's main street.

A detour, via State Highway 25 and Hauraki Road, will be in place during the initial two-week road closure. The full road closure may continue for a short period after Auckland Anniversary weekend, depending on construction progress. After that, motorists heading from Auckland to Bay of

Plenty will continue to be detoured, while traffic going from Bay of Plenty to Auckland will travel through the town.

## Joint project minimises disruption and cost to ratepayers

Hauraki District Mayor Toby Adams says Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is renewing the main highway and it's important the Council upgrades the kerb and channel at the same time.

"We need to fit in alongside NZ Transport Agency timeframes to minimise disruption and the cost to our ratepayers. The two projects must be done in alignment," he said.

The bulk of the construction work, which includes the highway renewal and kerb and channel will take about 16 weeks, dependant on weather.

## Expect delays

NZ Transport Agency says motorists can expect some delays. Please be patient and allow extra time for the detour. Ngatea can be accessed via Pipiroa Road, off State Highway 25 and from Mangatarata on State Highway 2.

## SUPPORT LOCAL

Mayor Adams says while there will undoubtedly be disruption, Ngatea is still very much open for business and visitors are very welcome to stop and enjoy the town's boutique shopping and award winning cafes.

*"Summer travelling is no picnic and Ngatea is the perfect spot to stop, stretch your legs, grab a bite to eat, get away from malls and chain stores, and check out its unique village-style shops."*

*"NZ Transport Agency has assured us customers will have easy and safe access into all businesses while work is underway"*

## More information:

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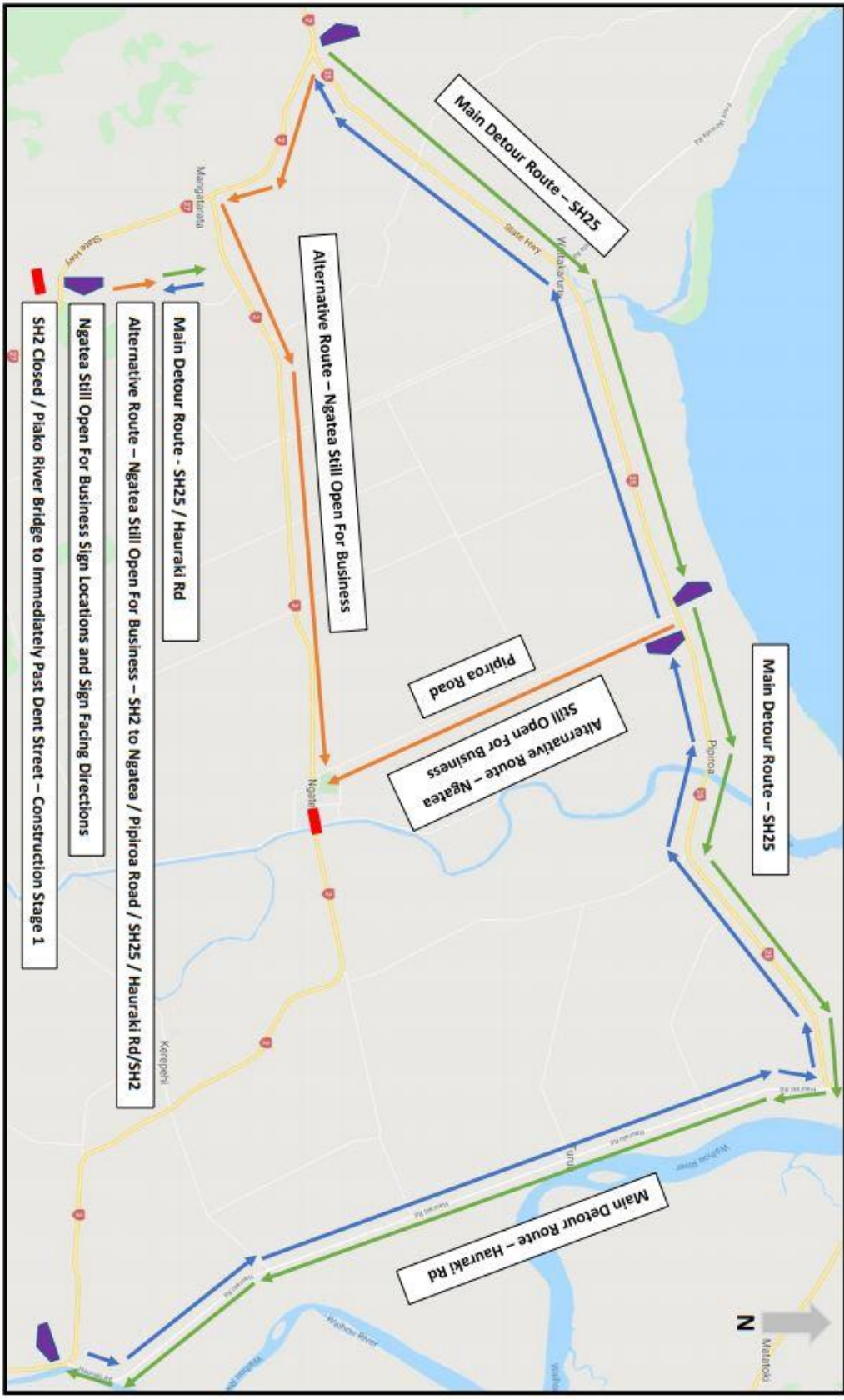
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