

Construction of the Wade River Bridge approaches is proceeding. Various lengths totalling 16 miles 71 chains were resealed, the chief sections being Hungry Creek - Warkworth, 6 miles 27 chains; Warkworth - Dome Valley, 4 miles 51 chains; Wayby - Wellsford, 1 mile 74 chains; Albany Hill, 1 mile 23 chains; and Albany Hill - Dairy Flat, 1 mile 33 chains.

On the Auckland-Helensville State Highway reconstruction and metalling was completed between Woodhill and Ohirangi with the exception of a short length at Wharepapa. Widening and metalling of shoulders was carried out on the Te Pua section. In Henderson Borough the construction of the approaches to the new Opanuku Stream Bridge has been completed and the first seal coat applied. Two miles eight chains of plant-mix surfacing was applied, chiefly between Berry Bridge and Waimauku, and from the Kaipara River Bridge to Helensville Township.

Over the Bombay Hills Deviation, on the Auckland-Hamilton State Highway, widening of the formation and reconstruction of the shoulders was continued. Three miles of the shoulders were reformed, 5 miles primed, and 3 miles sealed.

Further reconstruction was carried out on the Pokeno-Paeroa via Ngatea State Highway. In Franklin County 1 mile 74 chains was widened, strengthened with additional metal, and sealed. In Waikato County 2 miles 46 chains was similarly reconstructed.

On the Mangere Bridge - Papatoetoe State Highway kerbing and channelling of the Coronation Road section was carried out, while 25 chains of footpath are being constructed on the Massey Road length.

Seventy-seven chains of plant mix were applied at the Titirangi end of the Waitakere Scenic Drive Highway.

At the Royal Oak end of the Mount Albert - Royal Oak highway, traffic control on the Manukau Road junction, where five roads join, has been improved by the removal of a monument and the construction of a modified roundabout with channelized approach lanes.

Reconstruction is well advanced on the Pukekohe-Buckland sections of the Pukekohe - Glen Murray via Tuakau highway, the final metal course now being applied.

On the Beach Road highway subsoil drainage problems and the highly plastic nature of the clay formation are causing difficulties under the traffic-loading conditions. Local foundation failures have been repaired, a length of 35 chains from the end of the existing sealing to Taiotea Stream Bridge reconstructed, and 1 mile 20 chains was resealed.

Reconstruction was completed on the Glen Eden Town District section of the Waikumete - West Coast highway and the length of 1 mile 14 chains was sealed.

On the Papakura-Hunua highway 50 chains were reconstructed in the Papakura Borough section.

On the Papatoetoe-Howick highway 1 mile 10 chains was treated with plant mix and 1 mile was reformed in preparation for extension of the sealing.

In the Franklin County 3 miles 8 chains of the Papakura-Titi highway was resealed.

On the Buckland's Beach highway plant-mix surfacing was laid over a length of 45 chains, and construction of a sea wall was commenced at the beach.

Work was commenced on the extensive improvement of the Brigham's Creek - Albany highway as part of the programme to relieve congestion on vehicular ferries on the Auckland Harbour. Over the whole length of 9 miles 60 chains the roadway has been widened, the surface improved, and minor deviations made to improve alignment. A 40 ft. R.C. bridge was constructed at Coatesville.

As part of a programme of improvement work on the Waimauku - West Coast highway an initial length of 2 miles has been reconstructed.

On the Drury-Waiuku-Kohekohe highway 8 miles 30 chains from Waiuku to Kohekohe was sealed, and 2 miles 14 chains on Tramway Flat at Puni was resealed.