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Timeline: Transmission Gully's 103-year history

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There's been public interest in a route inland through Transmission Gully for more than 100 years.

Spanning multiple governments since the first chunk of dirt was turned (former Prime Minister John Key was the one holding the shovel) and multiple completion dates later, the \$1.25 billion motorway has finally opened.

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1919: A headline reading 'Transport links with Manawatu' makes page 4 of The Evening Post documenting Ōtaki MP William Field's proposal (https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/EP19190607.2.15?end_date=31-12-1920&items_per_page=10&query=paekakariki+road&snippet=true&start_date=01-01-1918) for "road and railway communications between Wellington and the coastal plain that begins at Paekākāriki".

1940s: Proposals to develop the route for military purposes floated

1980s: Wellington Regional Council first seriously considers building a route through Transmission Gully