

Traffic delays and brief road closures at State Highway 1, Grassmere due to power line construction

What: Motorists travelling south of Blenheim can expect delays and brief road closures while Marlborough Lines crew carry out upgrades to the network.

Where: The work is taking place adjacent to State Highway 1 at Grassmere; between Kaparu Road and Marfells Beach Road.

When: The line construction work is scheduled to take place from 19 February to 29 March 2024 and two road closures of about 30 minutes each are scheduled for between 9am and 3pm on March 5 and March 7.

Why: This necessary work is taking place to replace ageing network assets.

Thank you for your patience during this upgrade work. Your cooperation in following safety and speed signs will help keep all road users and Marlborough Lines crew safe.

What are we doing?

Marlborough Lines is planning to rebuild the 11kV and 33kV Lines between Kaparu Road and Marfells Beach Road as part of the asset renewal programme. This project is a continuation of the 33kV rebuild between Seddon and Ward.

How will we do it?

We will be closing the shoulder of State Highway 1 within the project area to allow our team to safely carry out the work while the road remains open. However, the power lines cross the State Highway at three separate locations in the project area. At times the conductor will be too low for vehicles to pass under, and two brief road closures have been scheduled to keep road users and Marlborough Lines crew safe.

How will this affect you?

Drivers can expect reduced speed limits in the work area for the duration of the project from 19 February to 29 March, 2024. Road users travelling along this route on 5 March and 7 March between 9am-3pm, should allow extra travel time due to the road closures scheduled on these dates - this is especially important for people with ferry or flight connections.

Traffic impacts

Between 19 February and 29 March 2024, there will be shoulder closures on State Highway 1 (between Kaparu Road and Marfells Beach Road) to ensure our teams have a safe work environment. There are no local road detours available.

Road closures are currently scheduled for:

- 5 March 2024 - Temporary SH1 closure, South of Grassmere Road. Expect a 30-minute delay between 9am-3pm.
- 7 March 2024 - Temporary SH1 closure South of Grassmere Road. Expect a 30-minute delay between 9am-3pm.

Where can you get more information?

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