



The Waihohonu Stream Bridge was damaged in a truck crash last winter

Expect delays and closures on SH1-Desert Road

Drivers using State Highway 1-Desert Road can expect delays and two 36-hour closures over the next few months while important repair work is done.

From Friday 16 February until April the Waihohonu Stream Bridge will be down to one lane while the deck is replaced. During this time there will be a 30km/h speed limit and there may be some short closures of around five minutes.

The work will repair damage caused by a truck crash in July 2017.

While the bridge work is taking place, other parts of the Desert Road will be undergoing maintenance and there may be delays possible at other sites.

The two full closures are planned to take place on the full closure dates are 7 March and 4 April, weather permitting. Each closure is expected to be from 7am for around 36 hours. The closure details will be confirmed closer to the time.

When the Desert Road is closed the alternative route is State Highways 46, 47, 4, and 49. This route is not suitable for high productivity motor vehicles (HPMVs), apart from 50MAX which are permitted. HPMVs will need to travel the SH3 and SH3A route between Hamilton and Bulls.

Vehicles with over-weight or over-dimension loads wider than 3.0 metres will not be able to use the Desert Road section of SH1 while this important work is under way due to width restrictions on the Waihohonu Bridge.

Anyone planning to travel on the Desert Road during this period should allow extra time for their journey. Drivers can check www.nzta.govt.nz/traffic or call 0800 4 HIGHWAYS (0800 44 44 49) to get up to date traffic and travel information.

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www.nzta.govt.nz/traffic

Information can also be found on the Transport Agency's Twitter and Facebook, you can find these here:

www.nzta.govt.nz/contact-us/connect-with-us/

To speak to the call centre team for traffic and travel information drivers can also call:

0800 4 HIGHWAYS
(0800 44 44 49)



At a glance: SH1-Desert Road works - What you need to know

- Road works at a number of sites until April, expect delays and speed restrictions
- Waihohonu Bridge undergoing repair, will be one lane for three months from the end of January to April
- Desert Road closed in March and April for approximately 36 hours each time. The dates and times will be confirmed
- When closed the detour route is SH46/SH47/SH4/SH49. This route is not suitable for all heavy vehicles operating under permit. Please contact your local permit-issuing officer for more information

