

50MAX UPDATES









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Freeing up the network for 50MAX

A key strategic bridge in the North Island has been cleared for 50MAX traffic. The Manganui-A-Te-Ao River Bridge on SH4 in the Central North Island has been opened to 50MAX traffic with immediate effect. By removing the 50MAX restriction from this bridge the alternative route via National Park can be used when Desert Road (SH1) is closed.

Meanwhile, the number of 50MAX permits continues to rise. As at 12 September, a total of 1633 permits were issued.

Local Authorities that have delegated 50MAX permitting to the Transport Agency:

- Kawerau
- Rotorua
- Tauranga
- Western BoP
- Otorohanga
- Gisborne

- Hauraki
- Matamatapiako
- South Waikato
- Waitomo
- Auckland
- Hastings
- Manawatu
- Marlborough
- Palmerston North
- Rangitikei
- Ruapehu
- Tasman
- Taupo
- Upper Hutt
- Waipa
- Whakatane
- Ashburton
- Hutt City
- Opotiki
- Thames Coromandel
- Timaru
- Waikato
- Wellington City
- Central Otago
- South Wairarapa
- Waitaki

- Carterton
- Masterton
- Christchurch City
- **Nelson City**
- Porirua
- **Dunedin City**
- Kaikoura
- Kapiti Coast
- New Plymouth
- Selwyn
- Stratford
- Waimakariri
- Gore
- **Hamilton City**

As always, we wish to remind operators to talk to their drivers about the special conditions that apply to any 50MAX permit. 50MAX permits include a list of restricted areas, and operators and their drivers will need to study the book of maps they receive with their permit, or consult the online interactive map. The book of maps shows where 50MAX trucks can travel, and points out any no-go areas, such as specific bridges that are not fit for 50MAX traffic.

Any drivers who are unsure about where they can go can view the interactive map or the book of maps on the Transport Agency's website at www.nzta.govt.nz/50MAX, or get information by emailing info50MAX@nzta.govt.nz or calling 0800 699 000.

Best wishes from the 50MAX Team at the NZ Transport Agency.

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